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At an Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 11th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 12th. of Sixth month, 1848 —

By the Reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that they have appointed the following Friends as Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Rowland Greene, John Meader, Oliver Earle, Thomas Watkins, Moses H Beede, Thomas Anthony, Timothy C. Collins, David Buffum, Perez Peck and Jacob H. Vining.

From Salem — Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, Hazael Cadway, Enoch Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Solomon Varney, Stephen A. Chase, and Wenod Chace.

From Sandwich — John Haviland, Isaac Lawrence, William C. Javer, David Kelley, Isaac R Gifford, William Mitchell, Rufus Shearman, Newell Hoxie, John W. Gifford, and Calvin Shepherd.

From Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Nathan Lawlas, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, John W. Flint, Henry M. Flint, David Winslow, Elisha Jones, Nathan Pope and John Buffum.

From Smithfield — Joseph Clapp, Thad Aldrich, James N. Fry, Samuel H. Cotton, Thomas Greene and John Osborne.

From Vassalboro' — Edmund Gates, Joseph Javer Clement Rackliff, Edmund Whitehouse, Joseph H. Cole, Elisha Jones and Stephen Jones, Jun.

From Dover — Benjamin Fry, Jacob K. Twining, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Samuel Dennis and William Jepson.

From Fairfield — Elijah Pope Reuben Jones, David Longcope, Alden Sampson and Samuel Taylor, Jun.

Whose names being called, they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends, Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey, from Great Britain, who attended this Meeting last year, and whose certificates were then read, and duly acknowledged upon our Records, are again very acceptably with us at the present time.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Richard Mott, from Purchase Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of New York: Lindley M. Hoag from New York Monthly Meeting: John Scott, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Maryland; Thomas Wells from Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Charles Yarnall, from Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, East Canada; Phebe Reed, from Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Abigail K. Hoag, from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Rachel Kimber from New York Monthly Meeting; Rebecca Hazard, from Hopkinton Monthly Meeting; and Seneca Hazard from the same Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife. Satisfactory testimonials from their several Meetings, of unity with them as ministers, and in their present religious engagements, were read at this time.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Nehemiah Merritt

1848. and Sarah S. Merritt, from Scipio Monthly Meeting; and of Joshua Kimber from New York Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife; who presented satisfactory minutes from their respective Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time the printed General Epistle of the Yearly Meeting of London, of last year; and the revival of the important truths, and the salutary counsel contained therein, were solemnising, instructive and strengthening to us.

We have also received Epistles addressed to this Meeting from the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, which are truly acceptable, and have proved at this time renewedly confirming to us of the excellence and benefit of this correspondence, when conducted under the qualification and influence under which we unresitatingly believe it was established, in the ordering of the Great Head of the Church.

A communication from Dublin Yearly Meeting, through the Correspondents, acknowledging the receipt of an "acceptable epistle" from us, issued to them by this Meeting, last year, was also received at this time.

We appoint our friends, Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, John Osborn, Martin Sawyer, John S. Sang, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyce, John Warren, Samuel Taylor Jr., Stephen A. Chase, Daniel Taber, Nathan Bread of Lynn, Samuel Jones of Barnswich, Edmund Bates, Thomas S. Gifford, William H. Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Caleb Jones, Moses Tamnum, Joseph H. Cole, Jacob H. Lining, Alden Sampson, Newell Hoxie, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Boyd Jobes, John Rowland, Nathan Douglass, Isaac K. Gifford, Peres Peck, Tobias Meader, David Dudley, David Redman, Jacob K. Purington and Stephen Jones, Junr., to meet together, and seeking to know the mind of Truth, under the qualification that they may graciously receive, prepare essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends, as way may open for it.

The following information is appended to the New York Epistle, viz:

"Counsponents. — John Dunn for Saratoga Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Kirby, released at his request. Address Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N.Y.

Ephraim Potter for Granville Monthly Meeting, in place of Harris Otis, deceased. Address Granville, Washington County, N.Y.

John Bevans for Pelham Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph King deceased. Address Pelham Post-Office, Niagara District, Canada West, via Lewiston.

Paul Southwick, Penn Monthly Meeting. Address Keesville, Clinton County, N.Y."

"By the accounts received at this time it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anna Rowland to the station of an Elder; that Salem has united with Scituate Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cynthia W. Huntington to the same station; that Sandwich has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Potter; with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the like appearances of Josiah Holmes, Jr.; with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Kelley to the station of an Elder; and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac R. Gifford and Mary Gifford to the same station; that Smithfield

has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of Thomas Grover; and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A. Osborne to the station of an Elder; that Vassalboro' has united with China Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Elisha Jones; and with the same Meeting in the appointment of Otis Hawes to the station of an Elder; and with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Benjamin Wolth.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock called for by this Meeting last year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Green, on behalf of the representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were at this time read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.

The School has been continued through the year (with the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

During the Summer Term, we had the services of Charles Atherton and Edward G. Haug as assistant Teachers in the male department of the school, and Lafayette Bunn, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages for five days in the week, to a class in this school. Richard Dame has also assisted in teaching the languages during part of the time. In the Girls' School, Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell served as Teachers.

During the Winter Term, in Boys' School, the same teachers remained, and the school being large, Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant teacher in addition.

Martha M. Haines, Sarah Foy Brown and Sarah Alice Cornell were assistant teachers in the Girls' School during the same Term.

In addition to the monthly meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by sub-committees regularly appointed at these meetings for that service, semi-annual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee; that at the close of the Summer Term being also attended by a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education.

Our several examinations in these various forms, have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

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Of the scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies, and improvement therein commendable – and we are encouraged to believe that the School has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the scholars – and favorable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening good resolutions for a consistent course in after life.

The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one, viz: fifty-five males, and forty-six females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed – and the family has been preserved in much harmony.

The accounts of the Superintendent, and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from the School Fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty-six dollars, seventy-seven cents; – from Board and Tuition of scholars, (including $130,87 for articles sold and $157,20 due from scholars for the past terms,) five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and seventy-seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty-five dollars, and fifty-four cents – leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty-one dollars, eighty-nine cents.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the Fifth month last, the time of the examination, may be stated at eleven hundred and eleven dollars and forty-six cents.

Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which, exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year, viz: Thirty dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for any others who may be admitted – and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the Tenth month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in practices of dress and address. On this subject, labor and advice have been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the Committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with the children at home on these subjects. Under this belief, and

in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they issued in the Third month last, a communication addressed to Friends in the several Monthly Meetings on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel - a copy of which is herewith presented.

The sale of the tract of land, authorised by the Yearly Meeting last year, has claimed the consideration of the Committee, and we are of the opinion that such sale would be for the interest of the Institution; - but no opportunity for effecting it on satisfactory terms has yet presented. We would recommend that the School Committee should still be authorized to make the sale, when a suitable opportunity offers.

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third month, with which eight or ten of the male scholars were more or less affected - and the removal by death of two young men, scholars in the school, during the year. The first was Thomas W. White, from Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County North Carolina, who died on the 20th of Eleventh month last, aged 21 years; and of whom it was reported, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the School was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction.

The second instance of mortality was Benjamin Winslow, of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Winslow. He had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which had prevailed in the School but from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3d of Fourth month, after a few days illness, aged 21 years. We believe it may not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man, during the time he spent in the School, was very exemplary - and after his disease assumed a character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favored unto the end with much christian composure and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord and Saviour he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted. Death, he said, had no terrors for him. He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth mo. 30th, 1848"

- which was interesting and satisfactory to this meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and with a desire that the fostering care of this Meeting may continue to be extended as fully as may be to this Institution, we appoint the following Friends to take into their solid and careful consideration, any subjects that may be presented to them affecting the general interests of the School, and report to a future sitting of this Meeting viz: John Meader, John S. Sang, Thomas

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Anthony, Moses Tanner, Stephen A. Chase, Stephen Jones, Jr., Edmund Chase, Nathan Congdon, Isaac Lawrence, Jacob H. Lining, Geage Haviland, Jonathan Congdon, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Metcalf, Benjamin Fry, Isaac R. Gifford, David Kelly, Moses F. Rogers, William C. Taber, Samuel Boyd Isley, Tobias Meader, Samuel Boyce Geage Haviland, Jr., David Kediker, Joseph Taber, Elisha Jones of China, Aiden Sampson, Nathan Pope, John Warren, Elisha Jones of Windham, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, William Farr, Moses H. Beede, Daniel Taber, David Dudley, William A. Robinson, Walter Lawyer, Asa C. Tuttle, Jacob K. Purington, Newell Ordway, Samuel Dennis, David Douglas, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, Herrod Chace, Thomas W. Thorndike, Henry H. Minot, Thomas Jones, John Osborne, Elijah Pope and Perez Peck.

Accompanying the Report of the School Committee was a detailed statement of the Expenditures of the School, which was directed to be placed on file.

The Circular issued by the School Committee to Friends within the several Monthly Meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, refered to in the report of the Committee, was also read and approved, and is as follows, viz:

"To Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, in the Yearly Meeting for New England.

The Committee for the government and superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, in the discharge of the duties enjoined upon them by the Yearly Meeting, - believe it right to bring seriously to the view of Friends, the necessity of increased care and watchfulness on the subject of plainness of dress, and in language, with the children who are placed in the School. A strong desire has been felt by the Committee, that parents should more seriously feel their responsibility in relation to their children; and should thereby be led to seek for ability to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, - remembering the encouraging language of Holy Scripture: 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'

We would also express our concern that the Monthly Meetings would extend increasing care to the children, sent to the School, that they may be prepared as much as may be, to profit by the labor and care extended to them while here. We believe a judicious care by Friends at home may do much to increase the usefulness of the School, and very much lighten the labors of those who may be employed in its superintendence, - and thus the concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of the School be much furthered and promoted.

For the information of Friends we make the following extracts, from a minute of the School Committee, made Eighth month, 7th. 1835, and then transmitted to the Monthly Meetings, - and would desire the attention of Friends thereto.

'At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held Eighth month 7th, 1835 — The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimonies in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation: 'Let your moderation be known unto all men.' And 'let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is, in the sight of God, of great price.'

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver - were our hopes and dependence placed on Him - how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, which is strictly required in the School.'

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, Second mo. 29th, 1848."

Thomas Harkness, Nathan Bond of Lynn William C. Jabez, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick, John Osborne, Joseph H. Cole, Benajah Buffum and William Farr are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present them to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 13th. the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives being called were present, except five, for the absence of four of whom satisfactory reasons were rendered.

The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, and read the first and second queries with the answers thereto. During this time we gratefully acknowledge, that a precious solemn covering was mercifully spread over us, and free utterance was given to a living concern of beloved brethren for the removal of deficiencies too apparent amongst us.

The all important duty of attending our religious meetings for the purpose of worshipping our Father in Heaven, and for the transaction of the business of the Church was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were tenderly exhorted to remember that it is from God alone that all our blessings come. The privilege of waiting upon Him and of being immediately taught by Him, was impressively brought before us - that we may even know, and the faithful and humble do know, what it is to be immediately fed from his gracious hand. We were affectionately exhorted not to suffer any consideration of a sublunary nature, any interest that relates to this world, to interfere with the discharge of our duty to Almighty God; unto

1848. whom we must render account for all the blessings wherewith He has been pleased to favor us. A living concern was manifested that we might be preserved in our religious meetings, in a true devotional state of mind, that we might manifest to others that we are truly engaged at these seasons to offer unto our Father in Heaven the tribute of worship and praise. Our young men were very feelingly entreated to faithfulness therein, and encouraged to discharge their respective duties to their several associates, not suffering a sense of their own weaknesses to prevent them from extending a helping hand to a brother, whereby their own strength will be promoted. They were impressively reminded, that there is a fountain set open wherein they may know their sins to be washed away and their garments made clean, and that to this fountain we are all invited to come and experience the blessed efficacy of a Saviour's blood. If we were truly engaged to love the Lord with all our soul, with all our might and all our strength, we should not fail to love our neighbor as ourselves - and love and unity so essential to the Church would be universally experienced - and the tares that have been sown by an enemy while we slept, would no more be found amongst us. Detraction would no longer be indulged by any, but we should rather be engaged in endeavoring to do each other good, and be concerned to build one another up in the most holy faith. We were pathetically entreated to let our lights so shine before men that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in Heaven, and we were encouraged to believe, that, as this is our sincere engagement, that our Society will again shine forth, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Friends again assembled.

In the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting is the following information, viz.:

"A communication was, at this time, received from Eli Reede, informing that he appeals from the judgment of this Meeting against him, to our next Yearly Meeting. Whereupon we appoint Stephen A. Chase, Jonathan Bird of Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, and Thomas W. Shandike, to represent this Meeting in the case, at our Yearly Meeting; and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Committee with such extracts from our records in relation thereto, as may appear necessary."

But the appellant does not appear to prosecute his appeal, and the case is therefore defered.

The Meeting now resumed the consideration of the state of society, by reading the remaining queries and answers. It proved a solemn season, and much concern was evidenced for the support, on their true ground, of our several Christian testimonies. Parents were affectionately entreated to exercise a parental authority over their children in these respects in love: that they speak gently to them, and in tenderness lead them in the way, in which they should go. We were very feelingly reminded, that while the child might be disposed to resist coercive measures, the heart would be subdued and melted by the parental tear. Our young friends were affectionately entreated not to regard what are termed, our peculiar testimonies, of minor importance, but that they should faithfully

support them on Christian ground, as Christian duty. The practice of frequently assembling our families for the purpose of silent waiting upon the Lord, and for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, was impressively recommended to us, under a firm persuasion that as this duty is attended to from a right concern, the blessing of Heaven will rest upon it.

The following is a summary of the answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz:

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended, with the exception of a few small meetings; the chief cause of which omission is reported to have been inclemency of the weather. Meetings on first days appear to be generally well attended; while some remissness is noticed in those held in the middle of the week and for discipline. The hour is nearly observed. Some instances of sleeping are reported in all the answers. Of other unbecoming behavior, generally clear. Some care has been extended in these deficiencies.

2. Love and unity appear to be maintained by most Friends, and detraction generally guarded against. Care is taken to end differences.

3. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupting conversation, and to be in a good degree exemplary herein themselves: yet some remissness is noticed in several of the answers. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in most Friends' families.

4. Friends are generally careful to confine the use of spirituous liquors to medicinal purposes. Deficiencies are however noticed in the answers from all the Quarterly Meetings except two. Some care appears to have been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort avoided, with a few exceptions. Careful in the other parts of the query.

5. Careful in these respects, with the exception of three cases of being placed out from among Friends

6. Friends are generally careful that proceedings in respect to maniage be conformable to discipline. Exceptions are however noticed in five of the answers, in most of which care has been extended.

7. Our testimony appears to have been maintained as it respects the several parts of this query, except a few instances of a military nature, reported in two of the answers, in which some care has been taken; and that a fear is expressed in one answer, that a faithful testimony was not in all cases maintained against a hireling ministry.

8. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, except that a few instances of a want of timely inspection of affairs, and of punctuality in the settlement of accounts, and the payment of debts, are noticed in three of the answers.

9. Generally careful as to our records, yet some deficiency is reported in most of the answers. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10. Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, yet exceptions as to timely dealing are noticed in four answers. Judgment appears to have been placed, when necessary, according to discipline.

1848. Peres Peck, Micajah C. Pratt, George Howland, Jr, Henry M. Minot, James N. Fry, Ebenezer Fry, Samuel Dennis and Alden Sampson are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and propose a Treasurer to a future sitting of this Meeting.

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Lydia Sneed, was read at this time, and being satisfactory to this Meeting it is directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 14th. The Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except four.

The following minute of New York Yearly Meeting, referred to in their epistle to this Meeting, was now laid before us, and under a solemn covering which we felt to be mercifully extended over us, there was with entire unanimity a very full and deliberate expression of unity with it, with an evidence, as we trust, that the proposition originated in the truth; and a fervent desire was felt that He who is the healer of breaches, as He is looked unto for direction, may be pleased to bless the measure to the good of the Church: and the Women's Yearly Meeting uniting in this concern, our friends John D. Lang, John Warren, John Osborne, Stephen Jones, Jr., Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Thomas Jones, Rowland Greene, George Howland, Estes Newhall, Edmund Chace, Millicah Gifford, Isaac Lawrence, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Benjamin Fry, Daniel Taber, Samuel Jones, Edmund Bates, John W. Minot, Benjamin H. Jones, David Buffum, Clement Rackliff, Stephen A. Chase, John Macomber, Moses Famum, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, David Douglass, and James N. Fry, are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Committee of Conference.

"At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in New York, by adjournment from the 29th of Fifth month, to the 3d of Sixth month, inclusive, 1848.

A proposition was very feelingly made in this Meeting, attended with deep solicitude for the welfare of our beloved society, whether essential benefit might not be hoped for from a united effort on the part of the different Yearly Meetings of Friends in America in relation to our present tried state. The office of peace-maker was seen to be an interesting one, and the promise appended to it still is, "Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God." After solemn deliberation on the nature and great importance of the object in view, the restoration of the society to that unity and fellowship which formerly characterised it, the Meeting decided, with entire unanimity, on making an appointment for this purpose; and in the hope that our dear friends of the other Yearly Meetings, who are equally interested with us, will respond to the proposition, we hereby suggest, with great deference to their judgment, that if the way opens for it, they will make similar appointments, in order that such Committees may assemble in one body as the Representatives of the Society, to feel after

the mind of Truth in relation to this concern. We trust that Friends coming together under such feelings as the object contemplated can scarcely fail to inspire, and with a deep feeling that our dependence for instruction and help must be in the Lord, would be humbly prostrate before him. It is a Christian privilege for brethren to meet together, feel and sympathise with each other in their varied trials, and ask counsel of him who is Head over all things to the Church.

The object prepared, though of great magnitude, is nevertheless simple in its character, unconnected with any preconclusions, and without any thing binding on the Yearly Meetings. We have appointed a Committee to represent this Yearly Meeting; and we would propose that the Friends who may be appointed, meet at Baltimore, on the 2d, Second-day in 7th month, 1849, unless some other place more suitable shall be designated. It was concluded that the information of this concern and movement be alluded to in the Epistles; and the Clerk was requested to forward copies of this minute to the different Yearly Meetings of Friends in America, and also to those of our beloved friends in London and Dublin, in the hope that they will unite with us in this concern, - it being the common cause of the Society.

Richard Mott, Clerk this year."

The following minute was contained in the report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz:

"The circumstance of our Yearly Meeting being held so far from the centre of Friends, having claimed our serious and deliberate consideration from time to time, we are united in proposing to our next Yearly Meeting for its consideration, the propriety of changing the place of convening that body to a more central point;"-

and similar minutes also came up in the reports from Vassalboro' and Fairfield; Whereupon we appoint our friends Thomas Anthony, Perez Peck, David Buffum, Moses H. Beede, Micajah C. Pratt, Newell Ordway, William H. Chase, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, John Howland, William Tucker, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, Joshua Douglass, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, Thomas Grover, Rowland Rathbun, Richard Batley, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Joseph Taber, Elisha Jones, Joseph H. Cole, Walter Sawyer, Silas Meader, Benajah Buffum, Benjamin Fry, David Douglas, Samuel Taylor, Junr., Alden Sampson and William Farr, to take the subject into their deliberate consideration, and report their judgment thereon to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.- Ann Hopkins, Hannah C. Robinson, Joanna Peck, Elizabeth Meader, Elizabeth Gove, Sophronia Page, Miriam Newhall, Mary Chase, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia Congdon, Ruth Davis, Mary K. Wing, Mary B. Farnum, Ruth Earle, Abigail Inman, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Lydia Allen, Lois Jones, Mary P. Varney, Hannah W. Jones, Lydia K. Taber, Deborah B. Wanen, Ann Jones, Rebecca Taber, Hannah Morell, Hannah S. Sawyer, Abigail Beede, Mahalath Jones, Lucy J. Hanks, Hannah Yoke, Sarah P. Sampson, Lydia Taylor.]

The following proposition was contained in the report from Dover Quarterly Meeting, viz:

"This Meeting is united in proposing to our next Yearly Meeting to change the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the eighth month, at North Berwick, from the fifth day of the week to the sixth day of the same week; and that the time of holding the Select

1813. Quarterly Meeting in the eighth month be changed from fourth day of the week to fifth day at 4 o'clock P.M. – the women's meeting uniting herein:" – which was united with, and it is concluded that Select Quarterly Meeting in the eighth month be held at North Berwick, on sixth, instead of fifth day of the week in which it is now held, at the usual hour, and that the select Quarterly Meeting be held on fifth instead of fourth day of the same week, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon – the Women's Yearly Meeting concurring herein; and the Clerk is directed to furnish said Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, – Friends again assembled.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were read at this time, and the proceedings of that Meeting were satisfactory and approved by this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr., deceased, and of our friend Lindley M. Hoag, removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, are continued under appointment, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year. The Committee appointed this morning to propose the names of friends for a Committee of Conference, are requested also to propose the names of two friends to supply the places of our late friend Abraham Shearman Junr. and of Lindley M. Hoag, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting.

William C. Taber, the executor of the will of our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman Jr., presented to this Meeting the following extracts from said will, viz:

"Article 13th. To the New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends, with which I have been and am now connected, I give, devise and bequeath twenty shares of the capital stock of the Bedford Commercial Bank, the dividends and income of which only are to be used by said Monthly Meeting, and to be always appropriated by said Meeting toward defraying the expense of the maintenance of the poor of said Meeting, and other ordinary expenses thereof.

To the said Monthly Meeting of Friends I also give, devise and bequeath, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, twelve shares of the capital stock of the Merchants' Bank in New Bedford, the dividends and income of which shall be appropriated, under the direction of said Monthly Meeting, toward defraying the expense of education in useful learning, of children of members of said Meeting, who are in moderate or straitened circumstances; and it is my desire that preference should be given to the children of such parents as are concerned that they should receive a guarded education; and further, that preference should be given to schooling at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding-School at Providence; but not so as wholly to confine it there, should it occasionally be thought best to contribute to the expense of schooling at home.

And should there at any time be a deficiency of those in said New Bedford Monthly Meeting who are willing to avail themselves of the aid thus intended, the said Meeting by its Committee, may expend the whole or any part of the dividends and income of the said twelve shares that may remain unappropriated, in extending similar aid

to children of members of the neighboring Monthly Meetings of Dartmouth and Westport, at their discretion; it being my desire that the income may as nearly as practicable be annually expended. Should it hereafter be considered advisable by said Monthly Meeting, to dispose of either or both of said parcels of bank stock, and to invest the proceeds in some other way that may appear more eligible, I hereby give and grant to said Meeting full power and authority to sell and transfer the same, and from time to time to transfer the investment as to said Meeting may seem expedient, the subject of said change to be always first deliberately considered by a committee specially appointed for that purpose; the new investments of the proceeds of said parcels of stock to be kept distinct and separate from each other, and from all other investments, and the income only to be used for the purposes aforesaid, and the principal sums always to be kept good, unavoidable losses only excepted.

I desire it, however, to be distinctly understood, that the two before-named legacies to the New Bedford Monthly Meeting are in trust, and are made strictly subject to the following condition and proviso, and I hereby declare it to be my will, that should there ever, from want of sufficient members reputably to constitute such Meeting, or from any other cause, cease to be a Monthly Meeting of Friends held within the limits of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, as now constituted, in unity with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, with which I am associated, and of which I have acted as Clerk for upward of twenty years; in such event, which I ardently desire may never occur, the said bequest to New Bedford Monthly Meeting shall cease and terminate as to said Meeting and the members thereof; and not permitting myself to doubt but that, through the mercy of Him who has hitherto been our protector, notwithstanding our many backslidings there will continue and remain to be a remnant of Friends preserved in the New England States, who will continue to hold a Yearly Meeting as at present, for the orderly conducting of the concerns of Society, the maintenance of its principles as recognized and set forth in 'the Testimony of Friends on the Continent of America', approved by said Yearly Meeting in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and for the edification of each other in love; and who will continue in unity with their brethren of the other ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends, professing the same principles;- it is further my will, and I hereby direct, that the persons having the aforesaid legacies under their care at the time when there shall so cease to be a Monthly Meeting of Friends held as aforesaid, in unity with such Yearly Meeting, shall pay over or transfer to the Treasurer for the time being, of such Yearly Meeting, the aforesaid parcels of stock, or the proceeds thereof, or the securities therefor, in full, unavoidable losses only excepted; and the said Treasurer and his successors in office shall hold the same for the use of, and subject to the direction and management of said Yearly Meeting; with the understanding that it is my will that the income of one half of the amount thus paid over or transferred, shall be used toward defraying the ordinary and current expenses of said Yearly Meeting, and the income of the other half for the benefit of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence: the principal sums always to be kept good, unavoidable accidents only excepted.

To the said New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends I also give and bequeath one

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1515. copy of all books – the writings of Friends – which I may die possessed of, that have not already a place in the New Bedford Preparative Meeting Library, (including a set of the "Friend") to be added to said Library.

Article 14th. To the Treasurer of said Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, for the time being, and his successors in office, in special trust for the use of said meeting, I give, devise and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars, to be invested in such manner as said Yearly Meeting may, from time to time direct: the annual income of which sum may be appropriated towards defraying the ordinary expenses of said Meeting; the principal sum always to be kept good, unavoidable losses excepted.

To the Treasurer for the time being of said Yearly Meeting, and his successors in office, I also give, devise, and bequeath in special trust for the use and benefit of the said Yearly Meeting's Boarding School at Providence, the further sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be placed under the direction and control of the Committee appointed by the said Yearly Meeting for the government and superintendence of said School. And it is my desire and will that five hundred dollars of said amount should be expended under the direction of said Committee in the purchase of Books on scientific subjects, works on Natural Philosophy, Natural History, &c. to be placed in the Library for the use of the Schools, and of maps, atlases, &c. for the use of the School rooms; and that the remaining ten hundred dollars should be added to the permanent fund or used in any other way for the benefit of said School as said Committee may think best.

Article 16th. I hereby direct my Executor hereinafter named, to lay before the New-Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends abovenamed, the several clauses of this my last will and testament, relating to said Meeting, within one month after the same shall have been approved by the Court of Probate; and to communicate the two items of the fourteenth clause thereof to the said Yearly Meeting at its first sitting after such approval.

As there are among my papers sundry extracts from the records of the said Yearly Meeting, some from the records of the Meeting for Sufferings, and others from various books of record of the Society of Friends, my Executor is requested to deliver all such extracts to the keeper of the records of said Yearly Meeting."

The said legacies are gratefully accepted by this Meeting – evidencing the interest of our late friend in the welfare of our religious Society, and his concern for the promotion of the guarded education of our youth.

The Treasurer is requested to receive the bequest of one thousand dollars, for the benefit of this Meeting and give the necessary discharge to the Executor; and Joseph Metcalf, George Howland, John Osborne, and Thomas Harkness, are appointed to advise with the Treasurer, as to the investment of said sum, so as to carry into effect the intentions of the donor, and they are requested to receive from the Treasurer a receipt for the same and present it to our next Yearly Meeting. The Treasurer is also requested to receive from said Executor the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, for the benefit of our Boarding School at Providence, giving the necessary discharge therefor, and hold the same subject to the direction of the School Committee as provided for in the will of the donor.

George Howland, Samuel Boyd Tobey and John Howland are appointed to propose to this Meeting the name of a friend for a correspondent in place of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr.

A testimony of Windham Monthly Meeting approved by Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Noah Read, was read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, it is directed to be recorded.

The Meeting for Sufferings in its discretion is requested to examine and cause to be printed such memorials of deceased friends as have been approved by this Meeting since the last publication of these testimonies, a concern having been feelingly manifested in this Meeting for the circulation of those issued the present year. The Meeting for Sufferings is also requested to cause to be printed a sufficient number of our Book of Discipline for the supply of our Meetings, and also for such of our members as may desire to be possessed of the book, to be furnished to them at cost; and it is desired to prefix thereto, if way should open for it, a brief historical account of the introduction and establishment of the Discipline among Friends.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 15th. The Meeting again convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday. The Committee appointed on second day to take into their consideration subjects connected with the general interests of the Boarding School, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the welfare of the Boarding School at Providence, have been together. They were favored with a very comfortable degree of harmony in the consideration of several interesting matters, touching the best interests of the School.

A general feeling of satisfaction with the present state of the Institution was expressed, although deficiencies still exist, which are desirable to be removed, particularly in relation to our testimonies respecting plainness and moderation.

The Committee for the superintendence of the School, were encouraged to continue their labors in its interesting concerns, and for the promotion of a guarded religious education of the youth who may be placed there — with the hope and prospect of increased usefulness. On behalf of the Committee,

Benjamin Fry,
Ann Hopkins."

Newport, Sixth Mo. 14th. 1848.

— which is satisfactory to this Meeting; and the Committee also proposed the names of John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, and Alden Sanford, to supply the vacancy in the Committee occasioned by the release of our friends Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Osborne and Joseph Metcalf, and those friends are appointed to unite with those already under appointment by this Meeting, viz: Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, George Howland, Jr. and Gideon L. Smith, and with such Friends as may be appointed by the Women's Meeting, a

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Committee to superintend our Boarding School, with the usual powers confided by this Meeting to their Committee, and report next year.

[Women's Committee.— Joanna Peck, Lucie Metcalf, Ann Almira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Tamum, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe R. Gifford, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Meader, Ann Hopkins and Sarah H. Tobey.]

The Committee to whom that subject was refered, propose the names of William G. Baker and Tobias Meader, to supply the place in the Meeting for Sufferings of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Junr., and of Lindley M. Hoag, which being satisfactory, they are appointed in addition to those already under appointment, viz: Rowland Greene, John Warren, Elis Hazard, Mathew Printon, James N. Fry, Nicholas Condon, Thomas Anthony Edward Wing, Benjamin Fry, John Osborne, Jonathan Lennis, David Buffum, Abijah Chase, Peter Peck, William Reynolds, Moses Tamum, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, George Rowland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor Jr., Edmund Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, John Howland, Joseph Dove & Marian, Timothy C. Collins, Beriah Collins, Olney Thompson, Abraham Barker of Newton, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, Thomas Hazkness, Stephen Jones, Junr., David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, William H. Chase, David Douglass, William Farr, and Isaac Lawrence, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and said Friends are requested to act on behalf of this Meeting, in relation to any subject affecting the interests of our religious Society, according to the original organization of that Meeting.

The Committee to whom it was refered, propose the names of Rowland Greene, John Warren, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, and David Buffum, as a Committee on the part of this Meting to confer with the Committees of other Yearly Meetings for the objects refered to in the Minute laid before us from New York Yearly Meeting, which are satisfactory to us, and they are accordingly appointed to that service.

The Committee of this Meeting on Education made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting, upon the subject of Education, Report,

That during the past year they have endeavored to give some attention to the duties of their appointment, and since their organization in the Sixth month last, they have held meetings as specified in the Minute of their appointment, viz: at the Boarding School, Providence, in the Tenth month, and have had three sittings the present week at this place.

In the Tenth month, a number of this Committee were present at the examination of the Boarding School, which was very interesting and satisfactory to us. Several of the School Committee very acceptably attended our sittings at that time. Many weighty and salutary remarks were made by concerned Friends present, tending, we trust, very much to the encouragement of those present both members of the School Committee, and those of our number. A very near sympathy was manifested at that time with parents and heads of families, and desires raised that they might

feel an increased engagement and responsibility resting upon them, and be drawn to look unto Him, who alone is able rightly to qualify them to bestow a religious and guarded education on their offspring. Scattered as we are in many locations, rendering it difficult to keep up schools exclusively for the children of Friends, a feeling was expressed that we should avail ourselves of the privilege of sending our children of suitable age to our Yearly Meeting Boarding School, believing this Institution offers opportunities of acquiring an education more religiously guarded than can be obtained at mixed schools and that Friends be encouraged to make such pecuniary sacrifices as may be warrantable to accomplish this object.

We have at the present time received reports from members of our Committee, within the limits of several of our Quarterly Meetings, which contain interesting and satisfactory accounts, and we trust that we are at this time renewedly impressed with the importance of the right education of our children, not only as it relates to the dear youth, but also to the future welfare and prosperity of our beloved Society.

We submit the following statistical information received in the returns which have come to hand, from all our Monthly Meetings within the Yearly Meeting except two viz:

No. of children between the ages of 4 and 16,	1,369
" " " " 16 and 21.	631
" " Monthly Meeting Schools,	1
" " Preparative Meeting Schools	3
" " Family Schools	11
" " Children attending Friends' School	203
" " " " Mixed Schools	1,579.

It will be seen that a very large portion of our children are in the attendance of mixed schools; but painful as this view of the subject may be, we are, notwithstanding, encouraged in believing that an increased interest is manifesting itself through the Yearly Meeting, for the promotion of mixed schools, as appears by the accounts which we have received at this time, as well as many pertinent remarks that have been made by Friends, very much to the encouragement of the Committee. We desire further to encourage the establishing of Family Schools - even to unite two or more families together, when circumstances will admit - and may Friends turn their attention towards that class of our youth who finish their education at the academies in our villages, where we fear, that they often imbibe habits and views which prove much to their injury in after life.

The Minutes of the School Committee for the government of the Boarding School the past year, were read by the Clerk of that Committee at one of our recent sittings. It was with much satisfaction, that we viewed the unremitted care and oversight which they had extended since their appointment, for the promotion of the best interest of that Institution.

We are well aware, but little has been done by us towards the promotion of the object of our appointment - but believe that the concern of the Yearly Meeting will be best promoted under the care of a similar Committee.

Signed by direction of the Committee,

Newport, Sixth mo. 11th, 1845. Charles R. Tucker, Clerk.

1848. —which is interesting and satisfactory to us, and the Friends now under appointment, with the substitution of William Hart, in the place of Aden Sampson, (now appointed a member of the School Committee,) and with the addition of Jonathan Freeborn and Abel F. Collins, for Greenwich and South Kingston Monthly Meetings, are continued to constitute a Committee for the purposes specified in their original appointment, and encouraged to persevere in their valuable labors, and report at our Meeting next year.

[Committee on Education.—Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Lewis Shove, Thomas Gifford, Silvest Congdon, James Tennis, Jonathan Freeborn, Abel F. Collins, William H. Chase, Nathan Bond of Lynn, Moses Huntington Jr., Stowell Conway, Conrad Chase, Joshua Page, William D. Howland, Charles D. Tucker, Arnold Cozzie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham H. Wing, George Allen, George W. Frances, John Macomber, Adrian Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham Winslow, Joshua Cook, Nathan Pope, Samuel Jones of Wingham, Peter Jones, Henry H. Elliot, Nathan Douglas, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, Arnold Ulrich, 2d, Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, Paul Wing, John C. Fry, David Babcock, Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones, Benjamin Fry, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Peter M. Neal, Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, William Hart, Jacob Pope, Daniel K. Bailey, David Douglas.]

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Phebe Field, and similar Minutes for our friends, Abigail R. Hoag, Rachel Kimber, and Persis Hazard, now in attendance of this Meeting, viz: Our beloved friend, Phebe Field, attended this Meeting—her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account and for other purposes, made the following Report, viz:

"The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes—Report,

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and have settled the Treasurer's Account, and find a balance in his hands of $731.13. They would recommend to the Meeting, to raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the purposes of the Meeting the ensuing year, and would propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

Peres Peck."

—which is satisfactory, and our friend, David Buffum, is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of two thousand dollars, and pay the same to our Treasurer.

The Committee of this Meeting to attend to our concern in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report,

That we have given some attention to the objects of our appointment, and in accordance

with a desire expressed last year, a visit has been performed by two of our number to them. Many of the Penobscots were absent at the time, yet most of their farming operations were examined, and, in many instances, a commendable improvement was manifest in the appearance of their farms, farming operations and manner of living. Several of them keep oxen and plows, and are employed by the Agent, in plowing for the tribe. They have also erected some new houses since our former visit in which more regard to cleanliness was observed. But while we viewed these improvements with satisfaction and could hold out the language of encouragement for their industry and good management, we had to regret that in some instances there was a manifest decline in the manner and amount of their husbanding and of their domestic comforts. This with the great failure in the potatoe crop has caused a great decline in their bounty from some previous years.

The township of the Passamaquoddy Indians was also visited for the first time, by some of the Committee. It is about 8 by 9 miles in extent, lying on the Schoodiac waters. Much of its soil appeared good for cultivation. There were forty-one families residing on it at the time of the visit, most of whom were visited. They have four framed dwelling houses in all, in the township; the rest inhabit wigwams, with little regard to cleanliness. Three and a half miles up the lakes is a compact settlement of seventeen families, in which are thirty-two children between the ages of four and twenty-one years, most of whom can speak and understand the English language. At this place they have a new and neat meeting house, of the Roman Catholic order. The soil here is good, but cultivated in so rude and unprofitable a manner as to produce but little for the comfort or support of their families. The use of the plow has not been known on this portion of their township. — In short their general appearance is considerably behind the Penobscots in their modes of husbanding, and in the comforts of civilized life. Some of them keep oxen and cows and lumber in the winter, and hunt and fish in summer. From the latter they chiefly obtain their subsistence.

We are impressed with a belief that if a suitably qualified person could be induced to spend a few weeks among them, in seed time, to assist and counsel them in a free and familiar manner on all matters relating to the improvement of their condition, it would prove, under the Divine blessing, an important service to them and promote the object of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

Hartford, Sixth mo. 13th. 1848. Hasbrook Jones, Junr."

—which is satisfactory to us, and we believe it right to continue our Friends now under appointment, viz: John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Jr., Joseph Tabor, Caleb Jones, Moses Tabor, John Warren, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Allen Pope, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Tabor, Samuel Taylor, Jr., and Eli Jones, — to render the interesting objects of our concern, such advice and attention as they may be enabled to do, and our Treasurer is requested to pay to John D. Lang the sum of one hundred dollars, to be appropriated to promote the purposes of this Meeting, in their appointment.

We are informed that our beloved friend, Anna A. Jenkins, has been liberated to pay

a visit in gospel love to some of the Meetings of Friends in Great Britain, and to attend to such other religious engagements in that land as may be required of her. Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Rowland Greene, David Buffum and Thomas Anthony, are appointed a Committee with whom she may consult and advise on any subject connected with her proposed religious visit.

We are also informed that our beloved friend, Susan Rowland, has been liberated to attend the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and to visit, in the love of the Gospel, the Meetings constituting them, and also to visit, as way may open for it, some of the Meetings of those professing with Friends on the Continent of Europe, and to attend to such other religious service as may be required of her. Joseph Davis, John Rowland, William C. Taber, Isaac R. Gifford, Isaac Lawrence and Samuel Gifford, are appointed a Committee with whom she may advise and consult upon any subject connected with her contemplated visit.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare and present to our next sitting, minutes for our friends now in attendance of this Meeting, from different Yearly Meetings on this continent.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, 6th mo. 10th. The Meeting again convened at the hour to which it had adjourned.

The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee to whom that subject was committed propose the name of our friend George Rowland, in place of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr., as a correspondent of this Meeting, — which is approved, and he is accordingly appointed.

Correspondents for London and Ireland Yearly Meetings — David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader and George Rowland. For Yearly Meetings in America — Jonathan Congdon, David Buffum, John Meader, George Rowland.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Richard Mott, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Wells, John Scott, Lindley M. Hoag, Charles Taber and Seneca Hazard, viz: Our beloved friend Richard Mott attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friends Nehemiah and Sarah S. Merritt; and a similar one for our friend Darius Kinsley, viz: Our beloved friends Nehemiah and Sarah S. Merritt, attended this Meeting. Their company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us.

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings report: That we have attended to our appointment, and as way opened for it, have visited such Meetings as were under peculiar circumstances growing out of the separation; and have sympathised with our dear friends in their various trials; and we have endeavored to labor in the ability received, for the preservation of good order. These trials still exist in several Meetings. At one of our

Quarterly Meetings, Friends was obliged to adjourn their Meeting for Discipline, on account of the Separatists remaining in the Meeting. Friends, after kindly requesting them to retire, and finding no prospect of their doing so, adjourned to another time, and were then mailed to transact their business undisturbed.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones, Jr.
Elizabeth Wing. "

Newport, Sixth mo. 16th. 1848.

—which is satisfactory to us; and under feelings of sympathy for our dear friends, who in some of their Meetings, are still subjected to trials, in consequence of the secession, within their limits, our friends appointed last year, viz: John Warren, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Isaac Lawrence, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Howland, Stephen Jones, Jr., John Meader, Otis Newhall and Thomas Anthony are continued a Committee to visit, as way may open for it, those Meetings, and render any advice and assistance that they may be favored to do, under the guidance of best wisdom.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz:

" To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, report that they have not been unmindful of the concern committed to their care; but no way has opened for service the past year for the improvement of their condition. The Committee however entertain a belief that the past efforts and labors of Friends in this deeply interesting concern will not be lost, but has had a tendency to awaken the feelings of the constituted authorities of our country against the malpractices of the agents and traders located in that land. Laws have been enacted by Congress, which tend in some measure to remove embarrassments in some respects; and yet more needs to be done to help and encourage this much injured and suffering people. We are encouraged in learning that those who have long been under the immediate care of our friends of Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings are gradually improving, and we still hope the time is not far distant when way may open for us through Divine aid, to extend further assistance for the benefit of this suffering portion of the human family.

On behalf of the Committee,

John D. Lang,
John Osborne.

Newport, Sixth mo. 11th, 1848. "

—which is satisfactory; and though little has been done during the past year, we are still engaged to continue a Committee on this interesting concern, and our friends appointed last year, with the substitution of Geo. Howland, Jr. for our friend Lindley M. Hoag, are continued and encouraged to give such attention to their appointment as they may be enabled to do, in conjunction with a similar Committee of our friends of New York Yearly Meeting, and report to this Meeting next year.

[Committee — John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor Jr., John Meader, John Osborne,

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Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jesse Howland, John Howland, Benjamin Ivy, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, and George Howland, Junr. I

This Meeting continues to the School Committee the authority confered last year, for disposing by sale of the potion of real estate alluded to in the report of the Committee.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were laid before this Meeting by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerks, with the assistance of our friends Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce and John Meader, are requested to cause the Minutes of this Meeting for the present year, or suitable extracts therefrom, to be printed and forwarded to subordinate Meetings.

The Clerk is authorised to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The present Yearly Meeting having been a solemn and interesting season, in which we humbly acknowledge, unworthy as we are, we have, as we believe, mercifully witnessed the presence of the blessed Head of the Church, with feelings of gratitude, and in love we now separate, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk this year —

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in Rhode Island from the 11th. to the 16th. inclusive of the Sixth month, 1848 — to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:

To the Yearly Meeting of London —

Dear Friends,

We have had renewed occasion at this time to commemorate the goodness and mercy of Israel's Shepherd, in that, notwithstanding our manifold weaknesses, we have, through his abounding goodness, been favoured with help from his holy sanctuary. We desire to accept with grateful hearts this fresh evidence of his love, and to bless his holy name, for his loving kindness to the children of men. His promises are yea and amen forever. He never said to the wrestling seed of Jacob, seek ye my face in vain. What abundant encouragement is there to trust in the Lord, seeing that in Him and in Him alone there is everlasting strength. As our confidence is centred here, with an abiding trust in his goodness, how shall we be strengthened to bear whatsoever he may see meet to lay upon us, whether our trials be for our refinement from the frost and fallen nature, or

for the sake of others, and for the spread of His truth in the earth. Trials and provings have been the lot of the faithful in every age of the Church, and they now, as in former days, call for the exercise of faith and patience - faith in Him who hath promised, and who hath power to perform, and who is not slack concerning his promises - and patience to abide the turnings and overturnings of his holy hand upon us; - that having done all, we may be enabled to stand, to hold fast our faith in him without wavering unto the end.

The present, it seems to us, is a day, calling loudly for the followers of a meek and lowly Saviour to put on the whole armour of God - the shield of faith by which the fiery darts of the adversary are quenched, the sword of the Spirit, and the helmet of salvation - having the feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Christ. The nations of the earth are in unusual commotion, the elements of strife are moving and there are clouds rising, which threaten the peace of the nations. In such a time what can we hope for better than a hiding place in the munition of rocks, a strong tower into which the righteous flee and are safe. But the Christian's course is comparable to a warfare, a contention with the enemies of the soul, both within and without; and the humble dedicated ones, will, we believe, often have to experience with the apostle that without are fightings and within are fears. Safety lies alone in the everlasting arm, in the Captain of the soul's salvation. He who died on Calvary's mount that we might live, and who rose again for our justification, and who liveth forever, knoweth our several wants and necessities; and as we ask of Him, in faith, will not fail to furnish the dedicated, dependent soul with all its needs. He will be strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a present help in the needful time. Love to God, the first and great duty, produces love to our fellow men; and this blessed fruit of the religion of Christ, as it prevails in the heart cements together his followers, however widely scattered, making them to feel that they are one in Him. A spiritual union, a holy brotherhood in the truth, is thus witnessed, which, while it strengthens all to persevere, it consoles and comforts the otherwise lonely ones, to trust in him and take courage.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been read in our meeting to our comfort and edification, and we have had renewed evidence that the epistolary intercourse which has so long subsisted between the different Yearly Meetings is calculated to draw us nearer one unto another, to strengthen our hands in the work of the Lord and to make us to feel that we are indeed one people called in his Providence unitedly to labour for his cause, and the promotion of truth and righteousness in the earth. You have dear friends been brought very near to us at this time; we value your sympathy and brotherly love, and desire to be had in remembrance by you and to feel the help of your spirits in our various trials.

When we last addressed you, our Country was engaged in a sanguinary strife with the Republic of Mexico. We are thankful in believing That this strife is ended, and that the blessings of peace with that nation are about to be realised. Our Meeting for Sufferings during the past year again petitioned our Rulers to use their endeavours for this result, and our petition was respectfully heard. We hope the war spirit is lessening

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Many of our young men have been in attendance with us at this Meeting, and the hearts of the elders have been cheered by the solid deportment, and interest they have evinced in the affairs of the Church, giving us the comfortable hope, that when these latter shall have gone to their rest, there may be a succession of those to whom the doctrines and testimonies of our Society may be precious.

The right education of the youth and bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, has been an interesting subject of exercise in this Meeting, and we trust the hearts of many parents have been encouraged and their hands strengthened in this important work.

Portions of the remaining aboriginal inhabitants of our land, once the possessors of the soil which we now enjoy, still are objects of the concern of our Meeting. We have had an interesting report from our Committees on this subject, particularly from the Committee appointed to have charge of our concern in relation to the Penobscot & Passamaquoddy Indians. We are still encouraged to continue our care with respect to this interesting people.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey from your Yearly Meeting.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

N.B. Our Correspondents with your Yearly Meeting are

David Buffum, Newport, Rhode Island,
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Providence, do.
John Meader Do, do.
George Howland, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

To Ireland.

Dear Friends,

Although we have not at this time received any Epistle from your Yearly Meeting, yet we are informed through the Correspondents of the respective Meetings, that our Epistle of last year was received by you, and was acceptable. Upon having this information communicated to us, our minds were led to recur to the period, when, about twenty-two years ago, this Meeting was first drawn to address you in the love of the Gospel, and to invite you to an Epistolary correspondence; and feeling as we trust, a measure of the same love still to flow, under the precious influence thereof we again salute you, desiring that grace, mercy and peace may more and more

abound from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acceptable Epistles have at this time been received from most of the Yearly Meetings in this Continent, and from London the reading of which has been encouraging, and we have been made deeply to feel the value of this correspondence, when conducted under the direction of Him, who is head over all things to his Church. "Without me ye can do nothing," said our blessed Saviour: and humbling indeed is the consideration, that of ourselves we cannot do any thing to advance the cause of Truth, or to promote the glory of God. Yet as we look unto Him for help and direction, how encouraging is the belief, that he will in the riches of his grace, qualify us for every service that he requires at our hands. Let us then beloved friends, be renewedly engaged to know what is the mind of Truth concerning us. And, if in seasons of Divine favor, when we are baptized into a living concern for the welfare of the Church, we should open for speaking the truth to each other in love, may we be encouraged so to do, remembering that it is declared, "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." We desire that we may all be engaged, more and more, to watch daily unto prayer. Precious indeed is the privilege to be permitted to draw near to the throne of grace, and under a grateful remembrance of the mercies of the Lord, and humbling sense of our many frailties, to put up our petitions for preservation from the snares that are spread in our path. We believe that as we are concerned to improve these seasons of Divine favour, and to dwell under the precious influence thereof, we should in the love of the Gospel feel our minds drawn to petition one for another, and should understand more and more of that memorable intercession of our blessed Saviour, when he prayed that his disciples might all be one in him, "As thou father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Dear friends may we continue to be one people, one in faith, one in doctrine, one in the support of our ancient christian testimonies, one in suffering, one in rejoicing and one in the hope of salvation through a crucified and risen Saviour.

Our Meeting has at this time been large; and we have been enabled through holy help to transact the important concerns that have come before us in much harmony and condescension - and have been favored from day to day to witness renewed tokens of Divine love. To Him be all the praise who alone can keep us from falling.

In many months past, our minds have been drawn into much sympathy with the suffering poor in your land, and also with those among you, who have been engaged in rendering them relief. The subject claimed the serious attention of our Meeting for Sufferings last year, and a sum of money was raised by subscription in this Yearly Meeting, most of which was obtained from Friends, which was forwarded for the purpose of aiding in the relief of the sufferers. May you beloved friends, be encouraged to persevere in your benevolent efforts for the help of this class of your fellow beings, and may the blessing of Him, who regardeth the crying of the poor and the sighing of the needy, be your rich reward. With the salutation of love, we remain your friends. Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

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To North Carolina.

Dear Friends,

We have been again permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to transact the business that has come before us in harmony and Christian love. Our Meeting has been large, and through Divine favour, the several sittings have been solemn assemblies; the Gospel stream has flowed freely through many dear brethren, whose feet have been turned to visit the Churches in this land, and notwithstanding deficiencies and weaknesses exist among us, yet the Lord has been pleased, for his dear Son's sake, to be near, and from time to time to spread the mantle of his love over us, which has caused our hearts to bow in reverent gratitude before Him. Help has been mercifully afforded; the states and conditions of individuals and of meetings have been administered to, we humbly trust, to the contriting of many hearts. The petition of many has been put up to the Father of mercies, that He would remember us when we separate and return to our own homes; that he would bless us in our family circles, and in our small meetings, and that he would not suffer us to grow weary in well doing.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been received and read at this time, as well as Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent except Philadelphia and Ohio. This correspondence which has so long been continued in the Yearly Meetings of this Society, we believe, had not its origin in the wisdom of fallen man, but in the wisdom of Him who knew what was best to promote harmony and Christian fellowship in the Churches.

We are glad to learn that your minds are still alive to the condition of the coloured people among you who are held in cruel bondage. May the Lord hasten the day of universal emancipation, and of the coming of that period when war and bloodshed shall be no more. This Meeting continues to feel a living interest in the welfare of the Aborigines of this Country, and a very interesting report has been read at this time concerning the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians. The Indians located west of the Mississippi river are still objects of concern; and our Committee appointed on their behalf are continued, in order to render them service whenever way may open for it.

The guarded religious education of our children continues to claim the serious attention of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee having charge of our Boarding School have made a satisfactory report. The School has been well attended the past year, the average number of scholars exceeding one hundred. We are glad to learn that your Boarding School continues to afford the means of a guarded religious education for a number of the children of your Yearly Meeting. This, we doubt not, is a great comfort to many of your members, and we desire your encouragement and perseverance in this very important work. "Finally, brethren, farewell"

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting by

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Indiana.

Dear Friends,

Being again permitted to meet together in this our Annual Assembly, in order to transact the weighty affairs of a Yearly Meeting, we have been taught sweetly to feel, that of ourselves, we can do nothing that will in any degree promote the cause of righteousness in the earth, or enable us to be instrumental in edifying the body in love - yet we have been comforted in believing, that the Head of the Church, has, in his abundant mercy, been pleased to be with us (unworthy as we feel ourselves to be) and he is graciously disposed to bless the provision of Zion, and satisfy her poor with bread.

Our Meeting has been largely attended, and divers friends from other Yearly Meetings, are acceptably with us at this time, who have been favoured to impart, in the ability afforded, much tender counsel and admonition to the edification and encouragement of our minds.

Your acceptable Epistle of last year, together with similar tokens of brotherly love from other Yearly Meetings, has been received; the reading of which has awakened in our minds, feelings of tender solicitude that we, with you, may be preserved upon the right foundation, having the inshaven seal, that it standeth sure having this seal: "The Lord knoweth them that are his."

While engaged in considering the state of society by reading the answers to the queries, as received from our subordinate Meetings, we have been favoured to witness the cementing and solemnising influence of the power of Truth, mercifully spread over us; under which, concerned brethren present have been strengthened to hold forth the language of admonition and exhortation on account of deficiencies, thereby brought into view; and we earnestly desire that the labours of these may not be in vain in the Lord.

We cordially respond to the desire you express, that the doctrines and testimonies so firmly believed by our worthy predecessors in the truth, may be faithfully maintained through the influence of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance and sanctifying power thereof, that so we may not only be enabled to acknowledge that we have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, but that it may be our engagement to continue with him through every dispensation he may see meet that we should witness. As this becomes our experience, we shall be qualified to manifest our love towards all those, whose feet have turned aside from the right way of the Lord. Thus we shall be preserved in tenderness and humility before the Most High, and, under a sense of divine goodness and of our own weaknesses and frailties, implore that he would be pleased to anoint the eyes of these to see, and that he would strengthen them to attend to the things which belong to their peace.

We observe, with interest and satisfaction, the condition and prospects of your Boarding School, as communicated in your Epistle. We desire your encouragement and perseverance in this undertaking, accompanied by the consoling belief, that in due time you will reap, if you faint not. And may we all endeavour to do, what our hands find to do, in order that our beloved offspring may have the benefit of a religious and guarded education, and with the divine blessing upon our labours, may we be favored to see

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Saluting you in love, we are, your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio.

Dear Friends,

Having been favored again to come together in our Yearly Meeting and mercifully to witness the cementing influence, as we trust, of the love of Christ, that love which reacheth from sea to sea, and to the ends of the earth, our brethren of the other Yearly Meetings have been brought very near to us in that sense in which we are permitted to enjoy a rich interest in one another. The love of God shed abroad in the heart expands the affections and draws together spiritually, the true wrestling seed wherever situated, or however distant from each other. In that love we salute you. In a measure of that love we again tender you, as brethren, our Christian sympathy and regard. O, that we could convey to our dear friends how highly we value true Christian love and unity amongst brethren; and how strengthening and consoling we feel them to be to the spirits of the faithful when this relation, which is true, preserved.

There is an influence in the ever adored truth to be witnessed under no other power, which bearing down the haughtiness of man and all pride of opinion, brings us together at the feet of Jesus, as humble disciples; and teaches in its own authority that one is our master even Christ and all we are brethren. We have greatly desired for ourselves and for you a frequent acquaintance with this condition - there to sit as Mary did, and hear the gracious words that proceed from his mouth. Will not our dear friends unite with us for this good end? Will they not seek with us this safe, though lowly place? Which if we can but through favor obtain, we may yet hope that the Divine hand will be stretched out to guide us, and again to quicken into new life our brotherly regard for each other. This we would emphatically declare to be the work of the Holy Spirit only. The Spirit of Christ as it is permitted to have its perfect work within us, is the only efficient means not only of purifying us from all our defilement, but of bringing us home to that rich inheritance of the Saints in light where we have fellowship one with another, and where we feel that we are reconciled unto God through Him, and that it is the blood of Christ that cleanseth us from all sin. The exceeding precious promises of the Gospel embrace the means equally with the end. The means and the end perfectly harmonize in the Faith of the Christian. The will of God is our sanctification, and the end of our faith is the salvation of the soul.

With this end in view of how little moment are all earthly things! - the joys or sorrows, the hopes or fears, or even the trials of this life! Our lives are but a vapor which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. It is the Word of God that endureth forever; and to this we desire to commend you with ourselves, even to the Word of his grace, which is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance amongst all

them that are sanctified.

With the salutation of love, we are, your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tolley Clerk

To Baltimore.

Dear friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of the Tenth month last, was, together with several communications of the same nature from other Yearly Meetings, received and read at this time to our satisfaction. These tokens of brotherly regard evincing as they do the unity and sympathy of the concerned members of the different portions of our religious Society, are at all times valuable, and are especially dear to us now.

We have been favoured in this our annual assembly, with the company of many beloved friends from abroad, whose labors of love among us have been truly consoling and edifying; and we have had cause to be thankful to the Great Head of the Church, that he has been pleased to direct the steps of his messengers among us - that he has put into their hearts messages of love, and that way has been made for them, as we trust, freely to impart the word of exhortation.

We have also had on the present occasion gratefully to acknowledge that the wing of ancient goodness has been spread over us to the tendering of many minds; - inspiring our hearts with humble confidence that the Lord has not forsaken us - but that he is still extending the hand of his love towards us, unworthy as we feel ourselves to be of his many mercies.

In reviewing the state of Society, while we have to mourn over the deficiencies brought to our notice in the answers to the queries, yet the care evinced by our Subordinate Meetings for the right ordering of the affairs of the Church, and the attendance at this time of a goodly number of our young friends, who give evidence of an increasing interest in the ever blessed cause of truth and righteousness, are matters of encouragement to us, especially to those who are called upon to be burden bearers, in this time of peculiar trial. May the Lord in his mercy continue his fatherly care over these his tender plants wherever situated and strengthen them to grow up in his holy fear.

The report of our Boarding School Committee presented a favourable view of the condition of that Institution; and Friends were encouraged to increasing faithfulness in discharging their duty towards their beloved offspring by early imbuing their minds with a sense of the importance of our various testimonies both on their own account and to promote the best interests of the Society.

In conclusion, dear friends, may we all be engaged to magnify the truth and honor the cause we have espoused, by devoting the gifts that have been bestowed upon us to the glory of the great Giver. By so doing, in humble reliance on his power and steadily following the leadings of his holy Spirit, we may with confidence trust in the promise that he will pour out a blessing upon his militant Church.

With the salutation of love, we remain your

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friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Philadelphia.

Dear Friends,

In the love of the Gospel we feel desirous again to salute you. The position in which this Yearly Meeting is now placed in relation to yours is one of deep and painful interest. A correspondence, which had been uninterrupted since its first establishment and which we have cause to believe had been mutually interesting and edifying has been suspended on your part for the past three years, and the Epistles addressed by us to you during this period, we are informed, have not been read in your Meeting. We mourn on account of this, not for ourselves alone, but also for you. We firmly believe – we cannot doubt – that this correspondence was established in the Truth – that it has been in good degree so maintained, and we have been led very earnestly to seek to know the mind of Truth at the present time – and, under a persuasion that the Head of the Church so directs, we again offer you a token, in this way, of our continued love. There is a right order in the Church of Christ, and very fearful is the responsibility involved in any departure from this order.

Will you permit us, dear friends, in love unfeigned to entreat you to weigh well the consequences that may result from the adoption of any measures that will perpetuate the present position of your Yearly Meeting towards ours. We feel it right to reiterate to you that we know of no cause on our part that justifies the present course. The doctrines, the testimonies and the order of our religious Society continue sacredly dear to us. We cannot compromise them. Unto Him who is the source of all wisdom and all strength, we desire to commend both ourselves and you, fervently crying that he may make known his blessed will and enable us to do it.

With a salutation of that love that changeth not, we remain, as heretofore your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New York.

Dear Friends,

We have again been permitted to meet in our Annual Assembly; and have to commemorate the goodness of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, that he still deigns to watch over us – and we have humbly to acknowledge, that we have from season to season, experienced Him to be a God of love. They that dwell in Him dwell in love. Under a measure of this precious influence, we have been enabled to transact

the interesting concerns that have come before us in much harmony; and we would that this might be the covering of our spirits at all times

Your acceptable Epistle of 11th month last, was received and read to our comfort and encouragement. We have renewedly to believe that this Epistolary correspondence was instituted in the truth, and is a means of binding us together as one people. Having no separate interests to maintain, the cause of our dear Lord and Master becomes increasingly dear unto us, and we are led to desire that his name may be exalted above every other name.

We have still to lament the deficiencies that exist among us, as brought to our view, by reading the answers to the queries; and the Meeting was introduced into deep exercise on account thereof. The neglect with some of the due attendance of our religious Meetings too clearly indicates that the Love of God has not the ascendancy in their hearts. If we duly realize our dependence upon our Father in Heaven, we should rejoice that these opportunities were afforded us of presenting ourselves before Him, and we should know at times of having our minds brought into true stillness, and experience that the Lord was in his holy temple.

The religious and guarded education of our children, has claimed our serious attention, and parents were affectionately entreated to have a very watchful care over them, and endeavour to imbue their tender minds with that love of the truth, which would be their preservation in after life.

We have been favoured at this time with the very acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings;- and we trust that their labours of love will not be in vain in the Lord. May we strive more and more to profit by the counsel which has thus been bestowed upon us, and endeavour to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit to the praise of him, from whom all our blessings flow.

We have had the company of many of our dear young friends, from not a few of whom a comforting evidence has been afforded, that they are under the preparing hand of the blessed Master for usefulness in his Church. May they, as well as this class among you, not be discouraged - but may they look unto Him, who will do more for us, than we can possibly ask or think.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting, by

Samuel Boyd Sobey Clerk-

P.S. We have again continued under appointment a Committee to co-operate with yours in the united concern of our Yearly Meetings for the Indians located west of the Mississippi - and they were encouraged to give attention to the objects of their appointment, as way may open for it.

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The Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 10th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 11th of sixth month, 1849 —

By Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island — Rowland Greene, John Meader, Thomas Anthony, Edmund Chase, Moses W. Redee, Timothy C. Collins, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Harkness and Perez Peck.

From Salem — Nathan Breed of Lynn, Enoch Page, Moses Greene William Rogers, Moses Huntington, Jr. Samuel Boyce Ephraim Leighton and Joshua Page.

From Sandwich — Isaac K. Gifford, George Howland, Jr. Stephen Dillingham David K. Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Henry J. Wood, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Wood, John W. Gifford, William Mitchell and Stephen Allen.

From Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Joshua Douglas, Nathan Pope, John W. Minott, Jesse Crosman, Abram Winslow, John Buffum, Henry M. Minott and Lemuel Jones of Brunswick.

From Vassalboro' — John D. Lang, Joseph W. Cole, Clement Rackliff, Joseph Tabor, Hartwell A. Jenkins, Josiah Jones and Caleb Nichols.

From Dover — Timothy Hanson, Benajah Buffum, Stephen Beede. Olney Thompson, William Hussey and Tobias Meader.

From Fairfield — Allen Wing, George Richardson, Elijah Pope, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Dudley, Ephraim E. Swan and Alden Sampson —

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned. No Report from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has yet been received.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsay, from Great Britain whose certificates were read in this Meeting and duly acknowledged on our Records in 1847, are again acceptably in attendance of this Meeting. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends George Carter, from Springfield Monthly Meeting, in the State of Ohio; Eleazer Bales, from White Lick Monthly Meeting, Indiana, Enos Gray, from West Branch Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Cornelius Douglas from Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Tebulon Weaver, from Smyrna Monthly Meeting State of New-York; Nathaniel Sands, from Cornwall Monthly Meeting New-York; John Thorn from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, and Abigail H. Candee, from Butternuts Monthly Meeting, New-York. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read

expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Henry Wilson, from Blue River Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our friend Eleazer Bales; and Isaac Jay, companion to our friend Enos Gray, from whose respective Meetings satisfactory testimonials were read.

We have received and read at this time the general printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, held last year, and the solemn truths set forth and the salutary counsel contained therein, we are desirous may deeply impress our minds; and in order that they may be spread before the members of this Yearly Meeting generally, we appoint Samuel Boyce and William C. Taber, to cause 3000 copies to be printed and forwarded to our several Quarterly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time Epistles addressed to this Meeting by the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana. These salutations of love are truly acceptable and encouraging to us, and we appoint the following Friends to take the same into consideration and as way opens for it, prepare essays of communications to those several Meetings and present them to a future sitting, viz: — Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, Moses H. Beede, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, William Mitchell, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Samuel Jones of Brunswick, William C. Taber, Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Beede, Olney Thompson, Moses Fannum, George Richardson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Charles Atherton, Perez Peck, Jacob H. Vining, David Rodman, David N. Atkins, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Moses Huntington, Jr., William C. Robinson, David Buffum, George Howland, Jr., Moses Taber, Thomas Grover, John Howland, John Osborne and Joseph Taber.

The representatives whose names have been read in this Meeting (notwithstanding the Report from one of our Quarterly Meetings has not yet been received) are requested to meet at the close of the present sitting and propose the names of Friends for Clerk and Assistant Clerk to the next session of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had conferred together on the subject, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are appointed to those stations accordingly.

The report from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting was now presented, by which it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz: — Paul Wing, Rowland Ketchum, Edward Foster, David Babcock, and Thomas Grover, whose names being called, they were all present.

The subject of addressing our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, being brought before this Meeting, we were introduced into tender and deep feeling in relation thereto, and with an ardent desire that we may be favored to know and follow the leadings of the great Head of the Church, we are fully united in appointing our friends

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Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, John D. Lang, Perez Peck, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Thomas Anthony, James Jones, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Estis Newhall, David Buffum, Benjamin Hey, William Mitchell, Caleb Jones, Samuel Gifford, Samuel Boyce, Moses H. Beede, David K. Akin, Geo. Richardson, Allen King, Chas. Thompson, Edward Earle, John Osborne, Eli Jones, William C. Taber, Clement Hackliff, Nathan Pope, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Tobias Meader and Joseph Taber, to take the subject into their solid and careful consideration, and if in the Truth way should open for it, they are desired to prepare essays or communications to those Meetings.

The Records of this Meeting of last year were now read.

The several Quarterly Meetings, in their Reports, inform that they have directed their proportions of the stock called for by this Meeting last year, to be paid to our Treasurer, and we appoint our friends Perez Peck, Micajah C. Pratt, William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Edward Foster, Moses Taber, Benajah Buffum and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the Treasurer's account – consider of a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

Thomas Hackness, David Rodman, William C. Taber, Joshua Douglass, Edward Earle, Josiah Jones, Stephen Beede and Elijah Pope, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 12th, the Meeting convened according to adjournment. The representatives all present but one.

The Meeting now entered upon the consideration of the state of Society by the reading of the Queries and Answers from the several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 3d, inclusive.

We were introduced into deep exercise on account of the manifest deficiency of a due attendance of our religious meetings. We were impressively reminded by beloved brethren of our entire dependence upon our Almighty Father for all that we enjoy, both spiritual and temporal, and that it is indeed our reasonable service to assemble ourselves together for the purpose of waiting upon Him and of rendering unto Him the tribute of worship and of praise. The unspeakably precious privilege of being permitted to convene together and unitedly to draw near unto Him, unworthy as we are of such condescending mercy, was feelingly spread before us, and we were tenderly exhorted to increased diligence with thankful hearts to appear before Him, that we may know our strength to be renewed. Friends were earnestly entreated to faithfulness in encouraging one another herein, and that this duty should not be neglected by any who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity whether they may be appointed to special station in the Church or not, being assured that the promise will be verified, that in watering they shall themselves be watered. Love to God and Love one unto another, are ever found to exist together, and are the clothing of the spirit of every true follower of Christ, and we were impressively reminded

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that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, we shall not love God whom we have not seen. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself - on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. God is love, and they that dwell in God dwell in love. As this is our blessed condition, detraction and tale-bearing will no more be known among us - the tongue will be bridled - and we shall feel religiously restrained from speaking evil one of another. The importance of bringing up our children and those under our care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, was impressively spread before us, as well as the necessity of restraining from reading those pernicious books and publications which abound at the present day, and which are calculated to draw our minds from the love of the reading of good books, and above all of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. We were warned of the certain tendency of these publications to undermine our faith in the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion, and even to lead us to that infidelity which will cause us to doubt as to the eternal divinity of our adorable Redeemer, and of the efficacy of that atoning sacrifice offered by Him unto the Father when he bowed his holy head upon the cross and said, "It is finished". During this season our hearts were humbled and tendered, and we crave that a sense thereof may abidingly remain with us.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again assembled.

The meeting resumed the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, viz:

Summary of Answers.

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been duly held, except the meeting at Little Compton and in a few other instances occasioned by sickness and inclemency of the weather. Meetings on First-days are attended by most of our members, while mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is generally observed. A few instances of sleeping are noticed in all the answers. Nearly clear of other unbecoming behavior. - Some care appears to have been extended.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, yet not without some exceptions; detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they arise.

3d. Most Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation, and are exemplary herein themselves, while some are remiss in these important duties. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Generally clear in the several parts of this query. - Exceptions in the improper use of spirituous liquors are however noticed in the answers from five of the Quarters. Some care is reported in two of the answers.

5th. A good degree of care is taken in the several parts of this query.

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7th. Our testimonies appear to be maintained in these respects, with a few exceptions, mostly of a military character.

8th. Friends are mostly careful in the several parts of this query, yet some exceptions are reported in most of the answers.

9th. Our Records appear to be generally attended to, with some exceptions in regard to births and deaths. A few removals with our certificates are reported in all the answers but one. Some care taken.

10th. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, yet some exceptions, mostly in regard to timely dealing, are noticed. Endeavors appear to be used to place judgment, when necessary, according to discipline.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein contained are approved and confirmed by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, have during the past year paid such attention to their appointments, as way has opened for, and according to their ability have endeavored to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting.

Our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, have continued in the station of Superintendents, and Charles Atherton and Edward S. Haag, were engaged as Teachers in the boys' school during the year, with the addition of Richard D. Meader during the winter term. In the girls' school Martha M. Haines and Anna B. Page have been engaged as Teachers during the year, and Lydia Almy was employed in addition during the winter term.

Instruction in the languages has been given on five days in the week, in both schools during the year by Lafayette Bunn, and in writing, during the latter part of the winter term, by Charles G. Pinkham.

The average number of scholars has been 117, viz: 63 males and 54 females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, harmony has prevailed, and the family generally has been favored with good health. One or two cases of varioloid occurred during the fall vacation in which account the commencement of the winter term was delayed for two weeks.

Semi-annual examinations of the schools by the Committee have been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also been visited by sub-committees appointed monthly and these examinations and visits have been generally satisfactory, showing a good degree of diligence on the part of the scholars, and care and vigilance on that of the Teachers.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter Term have been about $4,253 dollars.

The income has been as follows, viz. Interest from the School fund which may be stated at $6,800, and from board and tuition of scholars $6,400.

Total income $13,200, leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of about $1,000.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the fifth month, the time of settlement, may be stated at $508.77.

During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the accommodations for the School in the west wing, by which a much more commodious apartment is provided and which is believed to be a great improvement. The expenses of this change and of various other repairs are included in the above expenditures. The deficiency in the income to meet the expenses of the Institution may be principally accounted for from the larger number of scholars who have been at the School the past year. The price of board and tuition for members of our own Yearly Meeting, being only about two-thirds of the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the income of the school will meet its expenses, and the number of scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been as it is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition, should be continued as last year, viz: thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for others who may be admitted, and that five dollars per term in addition continue to be charged for instruction in the Languages. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term.

In pursuance of the authority given to the Committee by the Yearly Meeting; a sale has been effected of the parcel of land lying north of Olney street in the city of Providence, for the sum of Six thousand five hundred dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured in the hands of the Treasurer of the School fund. And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired, it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend Moses Brown, intended for the enlargement of the Real Estate of the Institution, the Committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation of the income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the Institution.

In conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim and receive the fostering care and concern of Friends, and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious society in affording facilities for training them up in a love of truth, and in an increased concern for the maintenance of those precious testimonies given us to bear.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Newport, 6th Mo. 9, 1849 — Samuel Boyce, Clerk for the day."

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For the promotion of the interests of the Institution, we appoint our friends Samuel Sayles, Jr. William C. Taber, Allen Wing, Caleb Jones, Jacob M. Vining, Edward Earl, Olney Thompson, Silvas Meader, Benjamin Fry, Eli Jones, Micajah C. Frail, Joseph M. Cole, William Gifford of Falmouth, Moses H. Rogers, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Dillingham, John Sage, William Mitchell, Enoch Page, Joseph Cartland, Edmund Chase, Charles K. Tucker, Allen Pope, Thomas Hoskings, Perez Peck, John Osborne, Jervis Hicks, John Howland, Joseph Estes, Moses Taber, Edward Foster, Moses H. Beede, George Richardson, Stephen Beede, William P. Howland, and Samuel Jones of Brunswick, to unite with the School Committee now under appointment, in considering any subjects that may be brought before them in relation to the school, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Thebe N. Douglas who accompanies her husband, Cornelius Douglas, in his present religious visit, a satisfactory minute on her behalf was at this time read from Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 13th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except two whose absence was satisfactorily accounted for.

By the reports received at this time, it appears that Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Solomon Varney, and with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Oliver D. Rogers and Hannah H. Sawyer, to the station of Elders. That Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth Gifford, of Falmouth - with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Rachel S. Howland and Jonathan E. Delano - with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the station of an Elder, and with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland, John Howland and Lydia Congdon, to the same station. That Falmouth Quarterly Meeting has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of Caleb Jones, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Buffum to the station of an Elder. That Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Henry Cary to the station of an Elder - with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hanny Pinckham to the same station - with China Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of James McLaughlin, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Jedediah J. Varney and Joseph H. Pratt. That Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan L. Meader to the station of an Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Noah Varney and Lydia Varney to the same station. That Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elijah Pope and Noah Starr, Jun., to the station of Elders.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and

read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention are satisfactory to, and approved by this Meeting.

The Committee appointed yesterday on the concerns of the Boarding School are requested to present to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year

The subject of the approaching conference of Committees of the different Yearly Meetings of Friends, proposed to be held at Baltimore next month, claiming our attention, and in consequence of the decease of one of our beloved friends appointed last year, and other causes rendering it proper in our judgment to make an addition to the Committee then appointed our friends Rowland Greene, Thomas Jones, Edmund Wales, John D. Lang, John Howland, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Moses H. Weede, Isaac Lawrence, John Osborne and Olney Thompson are appointed to procure the names of friends to be added to those now under appointment and report to a future sitting.

The report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, contains the following proposition viz. "With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting we have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the hour in the 5th and 11th months at which our Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders assembles, be changed from the Eleventh hour in the morning, to the Second in the afternoon, -

- which was united with by this and the Women's Meeting, and the meeting of Ministers and Elders, is accordingly to assemble at the 2d hour in the afternoon on the 8th and 11th months, the change to take place in the 11th month next, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of the minute.

Salem Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of meeting that Meeting in the 1st. 5th and 10 months, be changed from the 11th to the 10th hour in the morning, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite, and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The following proposition is contained in the Report from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, viz: * "A proposition that the sittings of our Select Quarterly Meeting be in future held at the 3d hour in the afternoon of the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting, instead of the 11th hour in the forenoon, as at present has been united with in this Meeting - the change to take place in the 10th month next if it meets the approval of the Yearly Meeting," -

- which is united with by this and the Women's Yearly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting makes the following proposition Viz:

"We are united in proposing to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the propriety of holding this Quarterly Meeting in the 5th and 11th months, at East Vassalboro', on the same day of the week, and at the same hour, as heretofore held; and that the Select Quarterly Meeting be held at the same place in those months, the day preceding, at the 2d hour in the afternoon; the Women's Meeting uniting herein,"

- which is united with, by this and the Women's Meeting, and it is directed that the

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Quarterly Meeting be held accordingly, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

"Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the Meeting which has heretofore been held at Smithfield in the 2d month, shall be held at Worcester in the same month in future and that the meeting held at Northbridge in the 11th month, shall hereafter be held at Smithfield in the same month, which is united with by this and the Women's Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

Adjourned to 5 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again assembled.

The Committee appointed to consider any subject that might come before them, connected with the interests of our Boarding School, made the following Report, Viz

"The Committee on the School Report, having met and considered the subjects referred to them, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that two Friends of each sex be selected from each Quarterly Meeting, and that eight of each sex be taken at large without reference to particular Quarterly Meetings to constitute a School Committee, and that the appointment be an annual one.

That the admission of Scholars from other Yearly Meetings be restricted to members of our Society.

That when members of other Yearly Meetings be admitted that they be charged the actual expense incurred, and that the Committee ascertain as soon as practicable the actual cost per scholar.

In the Committee,

Newport, Sixth mo., 13th 1849. John Osborne."

Which is satisfactory, and the same Committee is requested to present to a future sitting of this Meeting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee.

It appearing that the edition of our Book of Discipline, recently printed, is not sufficiently large to supply our meetings, and all our members who desire to possess it, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause another edition of 500 copies to be printed for the above purpose.

The Committee appointed last year to take into consideration the subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting to a more central place, made the following Report, viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on a proposition for a removal of the Yearly Meeting, report that we have paid considerable attention to our appointment, but are not ready to make a definite report at this time, and would propose that the matter be continued under the care of a committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Benjamin Fry,

Newport, 6th mo. 12, 1849. Mary B. Farnum.

Note. – We think it right to state, for the information of the Yearly Meeting, that we find on examination, that ample accommodations can be obtained at a more central point, whenever the Yearly Meeting shall have settled that it is best to remove". –
which is satisfactory to us, and the Committee are continued and desired to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee of this Meeting on the subject of Education, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting upon the subject of Education, report:

That during the year we have given some attention to the duties of our appointment, and since our organization in the 6th month last, we have held meetings as specified in the minute of our appointment, viz. At the Boarding School at Providence in the 10th month last, (at which time the members of the Committee present witnessed the examination of the School, which was interesting and satisfactory,) and have had three several sittings of the Committee the present week at this place.

Written reports from members of the Committee in three of the Quarterly Meetings, have been received at this time, representing that meetings of the Committee had been held in those quarters, and Friends generally in their vicinities had been invited to participate in them. And although much had not been done in establishing select Friends' Schools, yet the subject has been kept alive in the minds of the Committee in those Quarters.

Verbal reports were made by members of the Committee from some of the other Quarterly Meetings, showing on the whole, that the subject of our appointment has been kept more or less in view by the members of the Committee generally.

Some care has been taken to obtain statistical information relative to the education of Friends' children, but we have received returns from but twenty-four Monthly Meetings; leaving seven unheard from. As far as received, however, the accounts show a small increase of the per centage of children attending Friends' Schools, over last year, and are as follows:

No. of children in 24 Monthly Meetings, between the ages of 4 and 16,	1,110
" of children between the ages of 16 and 21,	481
" Monthly Meetings Schools,	1
" Preparative Meetings "	1
" Family "	8
" Children attending Friends' Schools,	194
" " " mixed Schools.	1,214

Much has been said at our sittings, by members of the Committee, and others exercised Friends, pressing upon those present, the importance of the early religious and right literary education of the youth of our Society. We lament that but little has been accomplished by the Committee the past year, but hope that the little which has been done, will not be without its use. Signed by direction of the Committee,

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—which is satisfactory and interesting to us—and it is our conclusion to re-appoint the same Committee another year—desiring their encouragement and continued attention to the important object of their appointment, and our friends Daniel Stephenson, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph S. Nichols, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Solomon R. Knowles, William R. Jones and Henry S. Wood, are added to the Committee.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report, viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

We, the Committee to settle with the Treasurer, report that we have attended to that service and found a balance in his hands of seven hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty one cents, and we would propose that the sum of two thousand dollars be raised the coming year, and propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

Newport, 6th mo. 13. 1849. Silas Peck.

—which is acceptable to us, and David Buffum is accordingly appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective proportions of $2000 to our Treasurer.

The Committee of this Meeting on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians made the following report, viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, report—

That the objects of our appointment have from time to time claimed our attention during the past year, and we have desired to improve every right opening to do them good;—but obstacles, beyond our control, have appeared to retard their improvement, and so far to embarass the Committee in their designed operations, as to induce them to think it inexpedient at present to attempt to carry into effect the suggestion of employing a person awhile in seed-time to advise and assist them.

In the Fall of last year, our friend Thomas Wells feeling his mind drawn to visit both of these tribes, was accompanied through said visit by one of our members, from whom we obtain the following particulars relative to their visit, and the condition of the Indians, viz: That they first visited them from cabin to cabin, entering familiarly into conversation with them on subjects connected with their best interests, and afterwards calling them together in the order of a religious meeting—four of which were held at different places with portions of the Penobscot tribe, where much pertinent counsel was imparted, and with the exception of that at Old-town, (where the influence of the Priest prevented the satisfactory carrying out of the object) they were relieving seasons and the counsel administered was listened to with marked attention by the Indians; several of whom expressed their gratitude therefor. Their farming operations were but little examined, yet sufficiently so to satisfy us, that, however well some may have done, as a whole, they are not on the increase. This may in part, be attributed to the almost total failure of their wheat and potato crops for a few seasons past, and in part, to a high state

of political excitement among them.

Among the Passamaquoddy Indians, who are far less civilized, the visit was conducted nearly in the same manner as before described, but it was differently received on the part of the Indians. At two out of three meetings, which were held among them, we were told plainly that our counsel could not be received unless it came from the Priest, that it would never do for Indians to learn to read and write and be like white men, because they would then lose their Catholic religion and become wicked. The same political controversy prevails among them, and the same excitement influenced them that we found under the eye of the Priest at Old-town. So far as we could ascertain, their farming operations in the township are small and poorly done (not worthy of description except to shew the smallness and indeness of their capacity) on a soil that would richly reward the labors of the diligent.

Although the prospect of rendering these interesting objects much real help seems discouraging, yet we would express a hope that the Yearly Meeting may still hold them in remembrance, and continue some channel through which any right opening may be improved to better their condition.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones, Junr.
John Osborne.

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— which is acceptable to us — and although at the present time the circumstances brought into view in the report are not so encouraging as at some former times, yet we believe it right to continue the same Committee under appointment, with the exception of our late dear friend John Warren, and we desire them to embrace every opening that may be presented to do good to these interesting objects of our concern.

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman, Junr. was read in this meeting, and the remembrance of our late dear friend and of his devotion to the cause of truth through a long life, was sweetly brought before us, and a living concern was felt for our individual encouragement to follow him as he followed Christ. The memorial was directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 14th, the Meeting again assembled according to adjournment.
The Representatives present as yesterday.

We are informed that our beloved friend James Jones, has been liberated to perform a religious visit in Great Britain and Ireland, and if a way should open for it, at some places on the continent of Europe; whereupon we appoint our friends John D. Lang, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Hawkness, John Howland, George Howland, Jr., Allen Sampson, and Samuel Taylor, Jr., to render any advice and assistance that may be proper to aid him in his contemplated visit.

The Committee appointed yesterday on that subject, now propose the names of our friends John Meader, Samuel Taylor, Jr., and Samuel Boyce, to be added to the

1849. Committee now under appointment to represent this Meeting in the Conference of Committees of Yearly Meetings, proposed to be held at Baltimore – which was united with, and they appointed accordingly.

The Committee to whom that subject was referred, propose the names of the following friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings on the part of this Meeting for the ensuing year, viz: Rowland Greene, Elis Newhall, James C. Fry, Thomas Anthony, Edward Wing, Benjamin Fry, John Osborne, Jonathan Dennis, David Buffum, Abijah Chase, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Moses Tamnum, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, George Howland, Nathan Pope, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Edmond Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, John Howland, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Beriah Collins, Obed Thompson, Abraham Barker of Tiverton, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, Jr., David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglas, William Tarr, Isaac Lawrence, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Ephraim Leighton, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones and Moses Taber.

— which are satisfactory, and they are accordingly appointed to that service, and requested to act on our behalf in relation to any subject affecting the welfare of our religious Society, according to the original organization and appointment of that Meeting.

The Committee above referred to also propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a School Committee, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, George Howland Jr., William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Eli Jones, John D. Lang, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., William A. Robinson, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, William P. Howland, Perez Peck, Rowland Greene and Joseph H. Cole

— which are satisfactory to us, and they are appointed to unite with a similar Committee of women Friends in the government and direction of our Boarding School as heretofore and requested to report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.– Mary Shove, Elizabeth Meader, Rhoda Howland, Jr., Sarah H. Anthony, Mary E. Reed, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary B. Tamnum, Lydia R. Kelley, Sheve H. Meader, Hannah S. Sawyer, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Ann Amina Lang, Lydia P. Fry, Lucy S. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Ann B. Earle, Eunice Metcalf, Eliza A. Osborne, Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth Wing, Joanna Peck, Huldah A. Meader and Dorcas H. Tucker.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Yearly Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, report,

That they have not been unmindful of the duties of their appointment, but way has not opened to render them any active service, during the past year. Still we believe that it will be best to continue this concern under the care of a Committee another year

another year.

Samuel Taylor, Jr.,
For the Committee."

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— which is acceptable and the Friends now under appointment are continued and requested to report to this Meeting next year.

The Committee to advise with the Treasurer as to the investment of the donation of our late friend Abraham Shearman, Jr., to this meeting, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to advise with the Treasurer, as to the investment of the bequest to this Meeting, by our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman, Jr. Report — that we have attended to the duties of our appointment, and herewith present the receipt of the Treasurer of this Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
John Osborne."

Newport, 6th mo. 13th, 1849.

— and the receipt presented is directed to be placed on file with the papers of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to cause to be * * * * reprinted the London General Epistle, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee appointed to cause the London General Epistle of the past year to be reprinted, report,

That they have attended to that service, and the number of copies ordered are now to be delivered at the direction of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
William C. Taber."

Newport, 6th mo. 14, 1849.

— and the Representatives are requested to take charge of the copies for their respective Meetings.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit subordinate meetings, report: that they have given attention to their appointment and have extended such advice and assistance to different Meetings as circumstances appeared to require and way opened for, and while we have been introduced into sympathy with our dear friends for the encouragement and strengthening of whom the Yearly Meeting was concerned to appoint a Committee, we have apprehended that it might not be necessary to continue the appointment the present year — which we submit to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
John D. Lang,
Mary B. Hanum."

Newport, 6th mo. 14th, 1849.

— which is satisfactory to us.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare and present to our next sitting, essays of minutes, for our friends from different Yearly Meetings on this Continent,

1849. [our friends from England not having yet completed their visit within our limits]

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ireland and New York were now presented by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings.

Our friends Eli Jones, Wm. P. Rowland, Lemuel Jones, Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones, and Edward Carter, having been appointed at this time members of the School Committee, we appoint our friends Gideon Wood, Josiah Jones, Joshua Douglas, Isaiah Fry, Robert Knowles and Benjamin Buffum to supply their places on the Committee of Education.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, the 15th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of addressing the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of addressing our brethren of Philadelphia and Ohio at the present time, report:

That we have endeavored solidly and deliberately to weigh the subject, and it is our judgment that it is best for this Yearly Meeting again to offer Epistles to those Meetings,- and we have accordingly prepared essays, which we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,

Newport, 6th mo. 14th, 1849. Thomas Jones."

—which is satisfactory to us, and the essays of the Epistles thus brought before us were read, and being united with by the Meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend George Carter, and similar Minutes for our friends Eleazer Bales, Enos Gray, Caroline Douglas, Zebulon Weaver, Nathaniel Sands, John Thane and Abigail F. Cornell, viz:

"Our beloved friend George Carter attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Henry Wilson, and similar Minutes for our friends Isaac Gay and Phebe N. Douglas, viz:

"Our beloved friend Henry Wilson attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Indiana, were now produced and read, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is authorised to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk, with the aid of our friend John Meader, is requested to cause three

thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting for the present year to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate Meetings.

The various important subjects that have claimed the attention of this Yearly Meeting having been satisfactorily disposed of, under a humbling sense of the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father, which have been witnessed during the several sittings of this Meeting, in feelings of brotherly love we now conclude purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New-England, held on Rhode-Island from the 10th to the 15th inclusive of the Sixth month, 1849 — to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:

To the Yearly Meeting of London —

Dear Friends,

Again permitted to assemble as in former years, and favored to partake of many mercies vouchsafed to us by our Heavenly Father, unworthy as we are, we feel that we have cause for fervent thankfulness, and desire to ascribe unto Him all honor and praise. We have been given at this time renewedly to know, that it is only as we look with faith unto the ever-living, ever-present and adorable Head of the Church for his direction that we can be qualified to discharge the services that devolve upon us at seasons like the present: and dear friends we have felt it to be an unspeakable mercy that "He is head over all things unto His Church," and that his care is abundantly extended thereto in her times of affliction and when she looks in singleness and in confiding trust unto Him.

Our Meeting the present year, has been fully attended, and has proved an interesting season. Many of our dear young friends have been with us, and we have cause to believe that not a few of them have been dipped into feeling with their elder brethren and have truly witnessed that it has been good for them to be here. We greatly desire the encouragement of this class every where — that they may be established in the doctrines of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ — that they may receive and acknowledge them in their fulness and in their simplicity — that they may clearly see in the provisions of matchless mercy what has been done for us without us by the propitiatory offering on Calvary — that they may witness that purification, that change of heart without which none can enter the Kingdom of Heaven — and being born of the Spirit, may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

To such as these in our religious Society our testimonies become dear, and they are concerned to keep them inviolate, for they are felt to have their origin in the unchangeable Truth. May the number of these increase, both with you and with us, who, with enlightened

1819. humble minds know a true engagement to be found faithful in following the Lord Jesus Christ in whatever way He is pleased to lead them - bearing the cross before men - not regarding the revilings of the world - but being ready at all times to manifest both in word and deed whose followers they are, and giving evidence from time to time that they have been with Jesus.

The Church continues to have her trials in different parts of our land; and although in great mercy we are exempted from some of those with which, a few years since, we were so afflicted, yet, we feel, none the less, the necessity of watchfulness unto prayer - that we sleep not lest the enemy sow his tares. We desire to cultivate towards our brethren who have separated from us feelings of tenderness and openness - and by all proper means to encourage them to return and be reconciled to their friends.

Our Boarding School continues to be an object of much interest to this Meeting, and we have the comfoting belief that it continues to be productive of good to many of our youth, not only in imparting to them useful and desirable instruction in literature, but under the divine blessing, in training them in the way they should go; and we feel renewedly engaged that not only in our Schools, but in our families we may know a living concern for qualification to give to their tender minds a right direction, and to impress upon them a just sense of our dependance upon the provisions of divine mercy, and of our obligation to walk in the path of practical holiness.

Those Tribes of the Aborigines of our Country to whom we have heretofore often attended in our Epistles to you, continue to claim our attention, and altho' we are not able to do much for them or to produce very marked effects by our efforts, yet we are encouraged to believe that some good continues to result therefrom. The report presented by our Committee this year, altho' it manifests a discouraging view, we have thought might interest you, and we herewith forward you a copy.

We acknowledge gratefully the receipt of your very kind epistle of last year, which has proved encouraging and edifying to us, and under a sense of the benefit to be derived from a rightly directed correspondence and with the salutation of gospel love we bid you affectionately farewell -

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk.

N.B. Our Correspondents with your Meeting are the same as last year.

We have at this Meeting the truly acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsay from your Yearly Meeting

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To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Assembled as we are to transact the weighty affairs of the Church, our minds have been turned with affectionate regard towards our brethren of your Yearly Meeting, and we feel drawn to salute you again in the love of the Gospel.

Our Meeting has at this time been large, and we have been favored to feel (from

day to day, that notwithstanding our unworthiness, the Lord is still pleased to remember us for good, and that his mercies are new every morning.

Humbling indeed is the consideration that of ourselves we can do nothing to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth - But how encouraging the remembrance, that as we look unto Him who has promised to be strength in weakness, he will graciously condescend to be a spirit of judgment to those who sit in judgment and qualify them to conduct the affairs of the Church to the honor of His holy cause.

The present occasion has been one of much exercise of spirit, and fervent aspirations have been raised for an ecclension of that holy help which would guide us in the path of safety. We believe it is good for us to be brought low and to sit us at the feet of our adored Lord and Master, waiting to hear his voice - And we would gratefully acknowledge that in transacting the important concerns that have come before us, an evidence has been felt that our petitions have not been disregarded, and the various subjects which have claimed our attention have been disposed of in harmony and brotherly love. To Him be all the praise to whom alone it is due!

In noticing the state of Society as reported by the Quarterly Meetings we have to acknowledge that weaknesses and deficiencies are still apparent, yet we are encouraged in believing that there is an honest concern maintained for the support of all our Christian testimonies in their original purity, unsullied by the contrivance of man. Among the deficiences thus reported is that of the want of a due attendance of our religious meetings, by some of our members. We believe that as love to God becomes the clothing of our spirits, we shall be more and more concerned to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable before Him, and under a sense of our entire dependance upon Him for all our sure mercies, we should be engaged in reverent prostration of spirit to offer him the tribute of broken and contrite hearts; and although in these seasons we may sometimes have to wait long for the blessing, and no vocal communication be heard in our midst; yet we should be favored to realise the promise verified, that where two or three are gathered together in his name, there will he be among them, and we shall witness a renewal of our strength.

We continue to sympathize with you deeply in the suffering that abounds among a large portion of the inhabitants of your land; and we desire your encouragement in aiding in the furtherance of the benevolent measures which have been instituted for the relief of the sufferers.

Your acceptable Epistle of the present year has been received and read, together with epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings. With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Edmund Boyd Tobey Clerk.

P.S. The condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians situated in the State of Maine, has long claimed the attention of this Meeting, and altho' the Report presented to our Committee the present year gives evidence of many difficulties that obstruct us in our efforts for their good, yet we are encouraged to continue our Committee to attend

1849. to any opening that they may find to conduce to their benefit. We forward you herewith a copy of the Report.

N.B. Our correspondents with your Meeting are the same as last year.

To Philadelphia:

Dear Friends Brethren,

We are again assembled as a Yearly Meeting for the important purposes for which these Meetings were established in the ordering of the Truth; and under, we trust, a fresh flowing of gospel love toward you, we are induced again to salute you - again to address you in the manner in which we have been wont to commune with our brethren of all the different Yearly Meetings of Friends; - and very fervent have been our desires that on the true ground of Christian fellowship and love way may still be kept open for these epistolary communications - dictated, if it may be so, in the fear of the Lord and under the guidance of best Wisdom, that they may prove edifying both to the body ifsuing them and to that to which they are addressed. We are renewedly confirmed in the belief that true unity can only be experienced when we are livingly engaged for the support not only of the blessed and unchangeable doctrines of the Gospel as they were held by our worthy forefathers in the Truth, but also in the maintenance without any abatement, any change or any compromise of all the testimonies that they were called upon to bear as well as of that true order and discipline of the Church which they were engaged to institute and which are essential to its prosperity and safety. To all these permit us to assure you dear friends we feel religiously bound, and for the support of them we trust we are made willing to suffer reproach if that still awaits us.

We pray for your preservation, beloved brethren, as for our own and with tender and affectionate feelings, bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Doty Clerk

To New-York:

Dear Friends,

In the fresh flowing of that love, we trust, which we have been permitted measurably to feel during our present annual meeting, and which binds us together, extending also to our distant brethren, we affectionately salute you, desiring that grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ may abound among you.

Under a humbling sense of our own unworthiness, and of the unmerited goodness of our Heavenly Father, we feel bound to commemorate his mercy, who has thus permitted us while assembled, to feel his life-giving presence, enabling us to transact the weighty affairs of the Church in a measure of his fear, and in harmony and love. Yet while we make this acknowledgment, we deeply feel our infirmities, and are sensible that of ourselves we can do nothing that will redound to his glory, or promote the blessed cause of truth and righteousness in the earth.

Trials are still permitted to the Church, and of these we have had a share: yet, when we recur to those through which we have recently passed, we feel that we can adopt the language of the Psalmist: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side" then the waters had overwhelmed us".

The sympathy of our distant brethren under these circumstances has been precious and strengthening to us, and we feel, dear friends, that this acknowledgment is due to those that have thus felt with and for us in our trials.

Our meeting has been about as large as usual. The several settings have been attended by a number of our beloved youth, whose deportment has been quiet and attentive, bespeaking a due regard to the solemnity of the occasion. May the Shepherd of Israel lay his fostering hand upon these, to prepare them for future usefulness in the church.

We have also had the acceptable company of a number of concerned brethren from other Yearly Meetings, whose gospel labors have been felt to be strengthening and edifying.

In considering the state of Society, as exhibited in the answers to the queries, much exercise was felt and expressed on account of deficiencies still apparent. The duty of assembling ourselves together for the worship of Almighty God, was feelingly dwelt upon, and it was cause of concern that so many are still negligent in the attendance of religious meetings, more especially those held in the middle of the week. Did the love of God prevail in our hearts, carelessness and indifference in this respect would be no longer apparent. The same blessed influence would also preserve us in love towards one another, and unite our hearts in the fellowship of the Gospel. Harmony and peace would prevail, Tatebearing and detraction would not be known amongst us.

Our minds have been painfully affected in considering the many snares that encompass our beloved youth through the influence of the press. Much of the popular reading of the day is of a light and unprofitable nature; the land is flooded with cheap literature under various forms, not a small portion of which may be considered as decidedly injurious in its tendencies: a morbid craving for excitement is thus produced; the mind becomes unfitted for serious reading and reflection; the Holy Scriptures are laid aside; the reading of works upon morality and virtue becomes distasteful. But this is not all. False views are substituted for the pure morality of the Gospel; many works of a high order of talent are poisoned by some of the specious forms of infidelity, thus tending to debase and corrupt the moral feelings, to shake our faith in the truths of revelation, and to leave the mind unguarded and open to the allurements of vice.

The report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School, represents that institution as in a prosperous condition. The number of scholars during the past year has been greater than for several years previous, and we are encouraged to believe that in a good degree, it answers the designs of its benevolent founders.

Your epistle of the present year, together with similar testimonials from most of the other Yearly Meetings, was received and read in this Meeting to our comfort and edification.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jokey Clerk

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To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Being again met together in this our Annual Assembly we have had renewed cause of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father in that he has been pleased to visit us in the extendings of his Love; and that notwithstanding our many shortcomings we may in humility testify that the Blessed Head of the Church has graciously fulfilled the promise made to those that should meet together in his name that He would be in the midst of them.

In this time of peculiar trial and difficulty when beset with dangers on either hand, in which many a one have felt that we could acknowledge that vain indeed is the help of man, we have been taught to highly prize these precious visitations, and have been led to put up our petitions unto the Father of mercies desiring that He would be unto us mouth and wisdom, tongue and utterance, that he would be pleased to guide us by his good Spirit and endue our hearts with wisdom to discern what is the mind and will of Truth concerning us, and enable us to proceed therein to the honor of his glorious cause, the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth; that the great and holy Head, who was given to be a leader of the people, a light to them that sit in darkness, would vouchsafe to be our leader and a lamp to our paths, and that we might patiently wait for the arisings of his light in our hearts and witness every thing of a contrary nature to his holy will to be removed out of the way.

While we have had on this occasion to lament, on hearing the answers to the Queries, that deficiencies exist among us, and that some of the testimonies given us to bear as a people, have not been by all so fully maintained as the Truth requires, yet we are encouraged in the belief that there is a large portion of our members who are rightly concerned for the welfare of the Church, and who feel themselves bound to the support of our principles and testimonies as believed in and maintained by our worthy predecessors in the Truth. And who are also engaged to maintain the order and discipline of the Church, which under the divine blessing, we have felt to be as a hedge about us.

Our meeting has been well attended, and under the overshadowings of divine love, which we have been favored to experience, we have witnessed the blessed Gospel of the dear Redeemer to have free course among us, and have been favored to transact the affairs of the Church in much unity and brotherly love.

Your acceptable epistle of the 10th month last has been received and read in this Meeting, which with similar communications received from the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin, and from each of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent except Philadelphia and Ohio, have been satisfactory and encouraging to us.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jolley Clerk.

To North Carolina:

Dear Friends.

At the present time, when we are again permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, you have been brought, beloved brethren, very near to us, and in the fresh flowings of gospel love we salute you and acknowledge the receipt of your truly acceptable Epistle of the 11th month last.

Very sensible are we that in the management of the affairs of the Church, as well as in the discharge of every other religious duty, there is a continued necessity for looking to the one source of wisdom and strength, and that from thence alone can we be qualified for any good work; and deep has been our concern that we may as a body and individually know an engagement of spirit thus to look for holy help and for a fresh anointing in the performance of every service for the Truth. Much exercise has been felt in this Meeting, and abundant have been the exhortations that we may continue to be concerned not only to be firmly grounded and established in the unchangeable doctrines of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but that we may be engaged to maintain those precious testimonies for the support of which our forefathers suffered without making any abatement any change or any compromise with the world. Equally necessary too for our prosperity as a people, do we esteem it, that the true order and discipline of the Church, which our forefathers were instrumental in introducing and establishing, should be faithfully maintained; and we desire through evil report and good report alike to be found unwavering herein.

We are now as a Yearly Meeting exempted from some of the trials which in times past sorely afflicted us, and at which times we felt your sympathy and encouragement to be very precious and strengthening - and our prayer is that nothing may ever be permitted in any wise to separate between you and us. The arch-deceiver would divide brethren and sow discord among friends - but as we abide upon the watch and look for preservation unto him who is stronger than he that is in the world, we shall know protection from all the subtle wiles of the wicked one. True unity is to be found in walking by the same rule, in minding the same thing, and those that are thus engaged are bound sweetly together and are enabled to be one another's joy and help in the Lord. We have been brought at this time afresh to remember you not only as a Yearly Meeting, but in your lonely and scattered situations in your individual homes and in your small meetings. Be not discouraged beloved friends - the promise remains sure that our blessed Redeemer will be with those that love him even unto the end of the world. Let us continue to look in confidence unto Him, and he will not fail to be our strength and our comfort, our present helper in every needful time.

We have received at this time very acceptable Epistles from our brethren of London and Ireland, and from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent except Philadelphia and Ohio, and we have continued to address these two Meetings, as we trust in brotherly and gospel love, ardently craving that the healer of breaches may be graciously pleased to interpose for the full restoration of that unity which appears to be in some degree withdrawn from us.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace;

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and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

Being again assembled for the transaction of the important concerns of Society, we would commemorate the mercy and goodness of the Great Head of the Church, in that He has been pleased to be near, and to overshadow us from day to day with His presence; and feeling, as we trust, a measure of His love afresh to flow towards you, we again salute you, desiring that grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

Our meeting has been large, and we have been enabled to dispose of the various concerns that have come before us in harmony and brotherly love, and have been favored to realize that there is strength in a unity of exercise, and a joint engagement of spirit.

Our minds have been at this time solemnized in reflecting that the time is near at hand, when we shall be called to give an account of our stewardship; and fervent have been our desires, that when that period shall arrive, we may be found among the number of the faithful, even among those who have loved the Lord Jesus in sincerity. We believe that, in order for this, we must realize every thing which obstructs the free circulation of Divine Love, to be done away through the washing of regeneration, and the renewings of the Holy Ghost. Precious indeed is the privilege to be permitted to draw near to the Throne of Grace and there under a humbling sense of our manifold infirmities, and through the fresh anointings of the Lord's Spirit, put up our petitions for preservation from the snares and temptations that await us. We believe that as we are concerned to be thus engaged, we should often feel drawn in the love of the Gospel to pray for each others welfare, and should know an increase of that precious unity, whereby we may become one in Christ Jesus, in accordance with his words when in prayer to the Father, he said, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me."

Beloved friends, may we be more and more concerned to be found watching unto prayer, that we may when called to give an account of our stewardship, receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

Your Epistle of 9th month last has been received at this time and read to our satisfaction, and we may inform you that our meeting has been very fully attended, and that brotherly love and harmony have prevailed. Much concern has been manifested for the right ordering of the affairs of the Church, and that each member thereof should watch over his own spirit. The deficiencies which still exist amongst us, as brought into view by reports from the several Quarters, gave rise to much exercise and labour from concerned brethren exhorting deeply on our minds, the necessity of greater faithfulness and dedication in the support of the principles and testimonies, in which we profess to believe: "Beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings. And we have felt it to be an evidence of the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father, that many of them have been sent at this time to visit us, and under the anointing that teacheth, they have been enabled to hand forth of the bread that sustaineth, and to set forth clearly and plainly, the way of life and salvation. The fearful have been encouraged, the presumptuous warned, and the wanderers tenderly and affectionately entreated to seek reconciliation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and return to the Father's house, where, in adorable mercy, there is bread enough and to spare.

We notice with satisfaction your continued efforts for the improvement and civilization of the Indians west of the Mississippi, and we desire your encouragement in the benevolent movements you are making for their benefit, believing that the blessing of Heaven will rest upon your labors.

Satisfactory reports have been received from our Boarding School, and much interest is felt in its concerns, with desires to extend still further its benefits to the rising generation.

The condition of the Indians within our borders, still engages our attention, and a Committee is continued to use their endeavours for the improvement it.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Falmouth, on first day the 16th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning, the 17th of Sixth month, 1850 –

By the epsts received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting viz:

From Rhode-Island — Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, John Meader, Thomas S. Gifford, Edmund Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy C. Collins and Jonathan Dennis 2d.

From Salem — Edward Dove, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Enoch Lee, Thomas W. Thorndike, Estes Newhall, Joshua Page and Oliver S. Rogers.

From Sandwich — George Howland, Calvin Shepherd, Samuel Gifford, Henry T. Wood, Joseph Wing, Joseph Gifford, John Potter and Isaac R. Gifford.

From Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Nathan Douglas, Henry M. Minot, Robert Goddard, Joshua Cobb, David Winslow, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot, Samuel Jones of Brunswick, Pope Grossman and Caleb Jones.

From Smithfield — Thomas Greene, Richard Batley, James N. Fry, Charles Hawes, Paul Aldrich and John Osborne

From Pelsalvania — Elisha Jones, Joseph Tabor, Clement Rackliff, Alton Pope, Stephen Jones, Joseph H. Cole and Thomas B. Nichols.

From Dover — John Meader, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Fry and Stephen Jenkins, & Elliot.

From Fairfield — Elijah Pope, Sands Wing, Samuel Taylor, Jun., Reuben Jones, David Douglas, Frederick Swan, George Richardson and Alden Sampson. —

whose names being called, they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Richard Mott, from Purchase Monthly Meeting; Thomas Willis, of Westbury and Jericho Monthly Meeting; Nathaniel Sands of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, N. Y., and of Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of the unity therewith them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements were presented and read.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Richard Carpenter from Purchase Monthly Meeting, and also of Micajah C. Binford, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, and Lydia Bell, of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Indiana, as companions to our friend Anna Thornburgh. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read.

We have received and read at this time the printed general Epistle from the

Yearly Meeting of London, of last year, and we have felt the important doctrines therein set forth, together with the excellent counsel contained therein to be very instructive and salutary; and with a desire that friends generally within our limits may have the privilege of perusing it, and that they may derive benefit and comfort therefrom, our friends William C. Tabor and Samuel Boyce are appointed to cause 3500 copies to be re-printed, and to distribute them among the several Quarterly Meetings and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

Interesting and acceptable Epistles addressed to this Meeting by our brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been received and read, and with a renewed sense of the importance and usefulness of this correspondence, established in the early days of our religious society, as it continues to be conducted in the life and under the direction of best wisdom, we appoint the following friends to prepare Essays or communications, if the way should open for it, to the several Yearly Meetings of Friends and present them to a future sitting, viz:- Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Tabor John Meader, Stephen A. Chase, Jacob M. Purington, Jesse Richardson, Henry M. Minot, Jacob C. Vining, Daniel Tabor, Richard Bailey, Joseph Metcalf, Thomas W. Thorndike, Samuel Tayer, jun., Thomas B. Nichols, Charles K. Tucker, Gilbert Congdon, Joseph C. Cole, Thomas Grover, Perez Peck, David Buffum, Nathan Douglas, Newell Hoxie, William A. Robinson, Samuel Austin, Linday M. Hoag, John Howland, John Osborne, Benjamin Fry, Moses M. Beede and William P. Howland.

The several Quarterly Meetings informs that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock called for by this Meeting last year, and we appoint our friends, Perez Peck Micajah C. Pratt John Howland, Samuel Jones, Smith Battey, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum and Aldrew Sampson, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, consider of a Sum suitable to be raised by this meeting the present year, and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer and report to a future sitting.

By the reports received at this time it appears that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Hannah A. Robinson and Ruebah A. Meader, and in the appointment of Eunice Metcalf and Gilbert Congdon to the station of Elders, and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Thebeau to the same station. That Salem Quarter has united with West Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas W. Thorndike and Joshua Page to the station of Elders, and with Salem Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Samuel Boyce. That Sandwich Quarter has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of William R. Tabor - with Sandwich in the appointment of Joseph Wing and Elizabeth Swift to the station of Elders, and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barnit Beard to the same station. That Falmouth has united with Dunkans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Robert and Abigail S. Goddard and Eunice J. Rich to the station of Elders. That Smithfield Quarter has concurred with

1850. Richmond Monthly Meeting in the removal of Esek Cook from the station of an Elder. That Vassalboro has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Caleb Nichols to the station of an Elder, and that Fairfield has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Sarah W. Partridge, and in the appointment of Daniel Shepard to the station of an Elder, and with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Pope to the same station.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and John Osborne for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for the last year were now read.

The subjoined Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting, and we appoint the following friends to consider the subjects specially proposed therein to be determined by this Meeting, and report their views thereon, as well as on any matter connected with the interests of the Institution to a future sitting, viz:- Thomas Anthony, Newell Coggeshall, Peter Peck, Isaac K. Tiffany, Richard Battey, Caleb Jones, George Howland, Samuel Brown, Stephen A. Chase, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, Jun., George Howland, jun., Joseph Tabor, Alden Sampson, Jacob K. Purington, Nathan Bread of Lyme, Thomas H. Shandlee, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor, David R. Aiken, Benajah Buffum, David Buffum, William J. Howland, Jacob H. Tinn, Samuel Jones, William Farr, Nathan Bread, of Weare, Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Osborne and William A. Robinson, and the above Committee is requested to propose to this Meeting the names of friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1850.

"We, your Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention thereto.- Meetings of the Committee at large have been held at the School, quarterly, and of a Sub-Committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there, monthly, in the intervening months, at which reports on the condition of the School have been received from members of the Committee deputed to visit it and examine into its condition in the intervals of these Monthly Meetings.

We believe in this manner a pretty intimate knowledge of the condition of the Institution in its various departments has been kept up by the Committee; and we are encouraged to believe that this condition has been generally much in accordance with the wishes of Friends.

The labors of the Committee have been at times called for and bestowed, to encourage the attention of the Teachers and Scholars to the common and indispensable branches of an English education, such as will fit them to fill the common walks of life, and to discourage a neglect of these for the pursuit of such as do not so immediately concern practical business.

Yet we think it right to furnish in the School the means of instruction in some

the more advanced studies such as Mathematics, Astronomy, the Latin, Greek and French languages, Natural Philosophy, &c. But we believe that in the present state of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting, the Institution will be most useful in encouraging such a course of study as looks to the fitting of the children of Friends practically to fulfil the duties common to all — while we agree entirely with the recommendation of George Fox, that Friends' schools should teach whatever is useful in the creation.

Our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell have continued to serve the Institution as Superintendents, and Charles Atherton and Richard D. Meader as Teachers in the Boys' School, with the addition of Wilcome C. Brown during the Winter Term. In the Girls' School as Teachers we have had the services of Martha M. Haines Anna B. Paige, and Lydia Remy, during the year. Instruction in the languages has been given as heretofore, for a part of the year by Lafayette Burr, and for the remainder by George Pierce.

The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and one; viz: fifty one males and fifty females.

The family has generally been favored with health, and harmony has prevailed. Meetings for worship have been regularly held as heretofore in the house.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been examined and audited.

The expenditures of the School during the year ending with the last winter Term have been $13,754.51

The income from the School Fund has been $6,595 20 — and from board and tuition of Scholars and other sources $6,912 72. Total income, $13,507 92, being less than the expenditures by the sum of $246 59.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the winter Term may be stated at $262 18, being $246 59 less than the balance in hand last year — that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income.

According to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting last year, the Committee proceeded to ascertain, as near as might be, the actual expense incurred for the board and tuition of a scholar at the School, and found the same to be $66 per Term, and that sum, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been charged the last Term for children, members of other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee apprehend that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting is one which it may be well to review; and they think the present a suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting. They therefore believe it right, instead of proposing the terms for board and tuition the coming year, as has been heretofore usually done, to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We believe that usefulness to the School would arise from the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education attending each of the semi-annual examinations at the School, and would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be

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"We desire to impress upon the minds of Friends the importance, in our view, of children remaining through the Term they enter for, and being present at the examination at its close. Much discouragement to the care takers at the School and to the Committee, has resulted from scholars leaving previous to such examinations, and we believe a serious loss has also often resulted to the Scholars who have thus left, as well as inconvenience to those who remain.

The subject of the training of the youthful members of our religious Society as it has ever been among the most important and interesting concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be of deep interest to the well being both of its objects and of the Society at large. There is both truth and instruction in the testimony of Scripture "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We trust the interest of Friends on this subject has not abated, and we feel encouraged to believe that the School has under the Divine blessing, served to promote the object of a guarded and religious education, and we may express the desire that with the continued care of Friends, it may still be useful to the same end.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 15th, 1850."

Our friends Charles Atherton, David Roman, George Howland, Jun., Caleb Jones, Richard Batty, Joseph H. Coe, John Meader of Rochester, and George Richardson, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries and present them to our next sitting.

The proposition contained in the Reports from Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting claiming our attention, the same is referred to the deliberate consideration of the Representatives, to report at a future sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 18th, Friends met according to adjournment. The Representatives present except two.

On entering at this time upon a consideration of the State of our religious Society as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our subordinate meetings, we were introduced into deep concern that we might be favored to discharge this interesting service of the Church under a living sense of its importance. The first Query relates specially to the discharge of our duty to our Heavenly Father, by manifesting before men our sense of our entire dependence upon Him by presenting ourselves before Him for the purpose of worshipping and adoring Him. We were very feelingly reminded of the solemn nature of this duty, and earnestly entreated to reflect upon the consequencies of a neglect of it. "If we love God supremely - if we really feel, as it is, our situation in His sight - that He knoweth our very thoughts - that He is omnipotent and omnipresent that unto Him we are to give an final account, and that before Him we must stand

can it be possible that we shall be unwilling to render unto Him the reasonable service of assembling for His worship.

A deficiency in the due attendance of our meetings, especially in the middle of the week, continues to be apparent in the answers from all our Quarters; and the query has been pathetically raised, shall this continue with us forever? Will we not be persuaded, by the mercies of God, to render unto Him the homage which is His due? Will we not commit ourselves into His holy keeping who can prosper our temporal efforts or can blast them at His will? We all need to be cleansed of the leprosy that is upon our hearts; we all need a daily renewal and an increase of Spiritual Strength; and will we not avail ourselves of his gracious promise, that when we meet together in His name, there He will be in the midst? Will we not, under a renewed sense of our present necessities, and of the awfulness of the future that is before us, enter afresh into covenant with our God, to render unto Him the sacrifices which he is pleased to require of us? and will we not even rejoice in an opportunity to return unto Him of our first fruits, and not offer unto Him of that which costs us nothing?

Love to God and love to the brethren go hand in hand; and we were impressively reminded that if we love not our brother whom we have seen, we shall not love God whom we have not seen. If true love one of another filled our hearts, we should be entirely preserved from all evil speaking, all detraction, all whisperings concerning one another, and with feelings of concern we should be engaged to take each other by the hand with the affectionate language, "come, brother, let us go up together to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob." The examples of our predecessors in the truth, in these respects, was impressively brought into view, and the ancient command and promise pertinently revived — "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your Souls."

The right training of our precious children was feelingly dwelt upon. Parents were tenderly entreated to seek for Divine help; to be enabled to impress upon those committed to their trust, a belief in the consistency of our religious testimonies with the truth as it is in Jesus; that His teachings lead us out of the vanities and extravagance of the world into true simplicity; and we are exhorted, very pathetically, to control our offspring by the power of love. A blessing ever rests upon the labor of parents, when thus exercised; the tender, opening mind of the child will be thus reached; it will not resist the trickling tear of a beloved and pious parent; and the testimonies of truth, so important to be maintained, so beautiful in themselves, so consistent for us as Christians, and so essential to us as Friends, will not be revolting, but lovely in the eyes of our dear young friends. The unsatisfying nature of those pursuits which lead from the garden enclosed; the disappointment which is sure to result from gratifying those dispositions which seek for pleasures in the vanities of the world; the remorse which follows this indulgence, and the difficulties in the way of return, were spread before us to warn and to guard; while the effects of the example of parents, in its influence upon our watchful and observing children, were faithfully portrayed, and the blessing that follows a godly care in this respect was encouragingly brought into view. "I will pour my Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring;

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and then shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses, and they shall not "be rooted out."

Having proceeded in the Queries to the third, inclusive, and been favored to be tendered, and we trust edified together, the Meeting adjourned to the fourth hour in the afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends again met.

The Meeting proceeded in considering the state of society, by reading the remaining queries and answers. A summary of the answers received is as follows, viz:

1st. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been duly held, except in five cases, for three of which reasons have been assigned. Those on first days have been attended by the greater part of our members; mid-week meetings and those for discipline are much neglected by some. The hour is nearly observed. A few cases of sleeping are noticed in nearly all the reports; of other unbecoming behavior mostly clear. From six of the Quarters some care is reported in relation to the above deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity appear to be in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction mostly guarded against. There is, however, an exception made in one of the reports with respect to love and unity, in which case care has been extended; and in two others with regard to detraction. When differences arise, care is taken to end them.

3d. We believe Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and from corrupt conversation. They are mostly pretty good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families. In all these important particulars, however, there are deficiencies acknowledged in nearly all the reports.

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine. There are, however, exceptions noticed in five of the reports; in these, care has been taken. Generally clear in respect to the other parts of the Query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to, and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of useful learning. Two instances have occurred of children placed out from among Friends, one of which was not under our control.

6th. It appears that Friends have been careful to maintain our testimony in these respects, except in a few instances of marrying out of the order of society, or keeping company on that account. Care was reported in most of these cases.

7th. We believe our testimonies have been maintained in these particulars, with one exception in relation to priests' wages, which is under notice.

8th. Friends are generally careful in regard to the several particulars of this Query, with an exception mentioned in one report, in which case care has been taken; and some exceptions noticed in another with respect to settling accounts.

9th. Records appear to be regularly kept in two of the Quarters. Deficiencies to a greater or less extent, are reported in all the others. A few cases of removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders according to the requisitions of the Queen, and to place judgment according to discipline. Some deficiency, however, is acknowledged in three reports in respect to timely meeting.

The following proposition from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, in relation to the Discipline, was referred to the careful consideration of the Meeting for Sufferings, that its views in relation thereto, may be presented to this Meeting next year, viz:

"A proposition came up on the minutes from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, for a regulation of Discipline, so that names proposed to the Select Preparative Meetings for Select members, may go to the Select Quarterly Meetings before being introduced into the Monthly Meetings — which being satisfactory, this and the Women's Quarterly Meeting are united in submitting the same to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting."

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, we are united in granting the request of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, that the hour of holding their Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders be changed from eleven o'clock A.M. to two o'clock P.M. of the same days on which it is now held, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on the removal of the Yearly Meeting made the following report, which is acceptable, and the Committee is continued and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the removal of the Yearly Meeting report, that we have attended to our appointment from time to time, but are not prepared to make any definite report this year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Newpat, 6th Mo. 18th, 1850. Samuel Jones, Clerk. "

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow.

Fourth day morning, the 19th. The Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee of this Yearly Meeting to confer with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, presented the following report, viz:

"To New England Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to meet with similar Committees from other Yearly Meetings, to confer together on the present state of our Society, report that they all met in Baltimore in the 7th month, with Committees from New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings, that we were favored to deliberate upon the important subjects of the appointment, in great harmony and entire unity, and our deliberations have resulted in preparing the accompanying document, which we herewith present.

Rowland Green, John Meader,
John Osborn, David Buffum,
John D Lang, Samuel Boyce,
Stephen A Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey.
Samuel Taylor, Jun.

Baltimore, 7th Mo. 12th, 1849 "

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The document referred to in the preceding minute was now deliberately read, and after a season of solemn waiting, it was fully and cordially united with, without any dissent, by a very general expression, and it is approved and adopted by this Meeting. It is as follows, viz:

"At a meeting of the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, nearly all the members present, assembled in conference at Baltimore in the seventh month, 1849, agreeably to a proposition from the Yearly Meeting of New York, united with by the other Yearly Meetings above named, to take into consideration the present tried state of our Society, and to labor for its restoration to that unity and fellowship that formerly characterized it.

On assembling for this important and solemn purpose, we were brought very humbly to crave the assistance of Him, who alone can rightly direct us in the discharge of the service confided to us; and fervent are our petitions, that we may be favored to find access to the hearts of those for whom we are brought into deep feeling and exercise.

The promotion of the cause of our Holy Redeemer, should at all times be the paramount consideration with all his professed followers; and the advancement of his Kingdom upon the earth, should be our prayerful, individual and collective concern. We have abundant evidence - we cannot doubt - that it was in the ordering of the Holy Head of the Church, that our forefathers in religious profession were separated from the world, and from the various sects of professing Christendom, and led to entertain those views of the purity and spirituality of the gospel dispensation by which they were distinguished.

The preservation with which our religious Society has been so eminently blessed - the spread, in the world at large, in a greater or less degree, of the benign principles which we profess, notwithstanding individual unfaithfulness in the full support of them, are comforting evidences that the Lord has been pleased to be gracious to us, and call for earnest and abiding dedication to him, and for watchfulness unto prayer, that the Enemy of the Church and of man be not suffered to come in and destroy our goodly heritage. It is only as we live in a humble and dependent state, looking unto the one Shepherd, whose voice may be heard and who will protect his flock, that we can know an abiding in the fold of safety.

In a solemn review of the present situation of our beloved Society, it is sorrowfully evident that the peace, the harmony, the unity and the fellowship, which are indispensible to our prosperity and usefulness as a branch of the militant Church, have been lessened and seriously interrupted; but we humbly trust that with the Divine blessing, it will conduce to the restoration of that harmony and love which formerly characterized Friends, for us to return to the alone sure foundation, and to that system of church government, which in Best Wisdom has been reared thereon, and which has stood against many floods and tempests through a long series of years.

This foundation is none other than Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages. A firm belief in Him, as our Saviour and Redeemer, as our only hope of glory and eternal blessedness, has ever been confessed by us, and full have been our acknowledgements to His Eternal Divinity - to all that He has done for us without us in that prepared body, when he came to do His Father's will - to the efficacy of his atoning sacrifice on the cross - to His ascension - His

mediation and intercession for the children of men.

Thus deeply have we felt constrained to bear our testimony to a living practical faith in the immediate teachings and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, gratefully accepting them as having been written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

These fundamental truths, and in connection therewith, our views in regard to the divine call to, the true preparation for, and the proper exercise of a living gospel ministry - the spiritual nature of the worship of God - and all those important testimonies connected with our Christian profession, have been abundantly testified to by our Society, in many solemn declarations of faith that have been from time to time set forth to the world; and while we do not now feel called upon to enlarge upon these particulars, or to repeat those declarations of our Christian faith and doctrine, having the consoling belief that they are accepted and acknowledged by Friends throughout our religious Society, yet we earnestly desire that we may in no wise lapse into any defection herein.

Resting in the unchangeable truths of the Gospel, our worthy forefathers, under the enlightening influence of Divine Grace, early saw the necessity of that organization of meetings, and the establishment of that Christian Discipline which are essential to our preservation and prosperity; and very full, solemn and forcible is the language of that devoted servant of Christ, George Fox, when he refers to the setting up of meetings for discipline, and the authority in which they should be held. "They were set up by the Spirit and power of the Lord God," and "the power of the Lord God is the authority of your men's and women's meetings," and however high and holy may be the profession which this necessarily involves, experience has always verified the truth that it has been as they are thus held, that they have fulfilled the purposes of their establishment. In the organization of these meetings a beautiful order was introduced, consistent with the simplicity and authority of the unchangeable Truth; an order which has proved eminently salutary and efficient in the Church. Yearly, Quarterly, Monthly and Preparative Meetings were set up, and are still continued, for the purpose of Church government, subordinate and accountable one unto another - Preparative to Monthly, Monthly to Quarterly, and Quarterly to the Yearly Meeting - the last being the highest tribunal in this Church organization, from whose decision there is no appeal, and exercising over all below it a power of supervision and control - looking to the good of the members composing them, and to the honor of Truth, and in all cases where it deems it necessary, directing their proceedings in the authority which the Truth gives.

This subordination and order remain to be essential to our preservation, and cannot be departed from. Any innovation must necessarily lead to weakness and confusion, and the cause of Truth must suffer from it. As introduced and practised by our ancestors, they are simple and effective, for they are founded in the Truth, and derive their authority therefrom. Nor can their exercise in this authority ever prove oppressive to meetings or individuals, but strengthening and preserving.

In the history of our Society it is found that as our numbers increased, our meetings necessarily were multiplied, and additional Yearly and Subordinate meetings were

1850. established, each Yearly Meeting being independent of the other in framing and administering its own discipline, and yet all being bound together in the maintenance of the same blessed doctrines, and in the support of the same Christian testimonies; and being essentially one people, a member removing from one Yearly Meeting into another is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the members of the Yearly Meeting into which he removes. Ministers of the Gospel, in the discharge of their high calling, when concerned to visit the Churches, are accredited in this capacity by presenting testimonials of their being in unity as such with their friends at home, and thus, and in many other ways, the benefits of our religious compact are extended throughout the Society at large.

As a connecting link between the different Yearly Meetings - as the means of opening a channel through which a knowledge of the affairs of Truth may be made known, * * * ~~which a knowledge of the affairs of Truth may~~ * * * * *, and by which each body may assist the others, either in the way of counsel & encouragement, - and for the comfort and edification one of another, - an epistolary correspondence was early introduced, and has been maintained by Yearly Meetings in the openings of Truth at their annual convocations a practice which has been so evidently owned and blessed by the Holy Head of the Church that it cannot be discontinued without seriously affecting the welfare of Society.

We are deeply impressed with the conviction that any continued departure from the usages of our religious society in the particulars to which we have now briefly adverted, cannot fail to be productive of very serious consequencies, and on account of the painful circumstances that have been presented to us, we feel bound to bear a solemn testimony more specifically in relation to some of these subjects.

This Conference is united in the belief that it is essential for us clearly to understand, and inviolably to sustain, the rights that belong to distinct Yearly Meetings. It cannot be questioned that if a Yearly Meeting should manifest unsoundness in Christian faith; if it should promulgate views inconsistent with the principles professed by Friends; or should not maintain our Christian testimonies; that it may then become the duty of the other Yearly Meetings to extend to it brotherly entreaty & admonition for its restoration. But in the exercise of those functions which legitimately and exclusively belong to itself, as the framing or administering of its own discipline, any interference by another Yearly Meeting, or attempt to control its action in these respects, would be an infraction of our established order, and fraught with consequences perilous to the whole brotherhood of Yearly Meetings against which we feel solemnly bound to bear our testimony.

An abridgment of the rights of members by refusing to receive credentials issued by the meetings in another Yearly Meeting, except for causes provided for in Discipline, is subversive of the established order of Society. On the other hand, any attempt on the part of a meeting to confer upon individuals privileges which they have forfeited in their own meeting, or to sustain them in assumed rights to which they are not entitled, cannot fail to produce confusion, and to disturb the harmony of Friends.

We desire most earnestly, but affectionately to urge Friends everywhere solemnly to reflect upon these things, and where there has been any departure from the long established order of our religious Society, under whatever pretext, that they pause, and

endeavor to realize the effects that must inevitably result therefrom. It is not to be expected that the great body of Friends can long remain passive, if important and vital practices and usages of our Society, which are essential to our prosperity as a people, are neglected or violated.

It is the united sense and judgment of this Conference, that wherever there has been a departure from the usages to which we have adverted, where Yearly Meetings have refused to correspond with or to receive the official communications addressed to them by other Yearly Meetings, that harmony and unity cannot be restored without a return to our established order and usages.

Most affectionately do we desire to press these considerations upon Friends: the consequences are momentous; and earnestly do we crave that the Divine Head of the Church may be pleased to grant that our brotherly entreaties, offered in that love which desires the good and preservation of all, may be received and heeded; that the breaches may be healed; and that in the love and fellowship of the Gospel, we may be favored to walk together in the Light of the Lord.

To all our dear friends, wherever situated, who feel themselves placed under circumstances of peculiar trial, in consequence of the present difficulties in our beloved Society, we would offer the expression of our tender sympathy, and the words of brotherly encouragement to be patient under their present sufferings and manifold discouragements, and not to seek in their own will and time for an escape before the Lord be pleased to open a way for their relief. If you cannot always rejoice in hope, yet endeavor to be "patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer"; constantly endure, and not make haste in the time of trouble." Let nothing weaken your attachment to the cause of Christ, or your adherence to those precious principles and testimonies which have been handed down to us from our forefathers in the Truth; and be very careful, we tenderly entreat you, that none of these things which surround you, draw away your attention from the work of the Lord in your own hearts. Take heed to the convictions of the Holy Spirit, and be faithful to his teachings, "that you may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Whilst we have been deeply concerned for the welfare of our own members, we have not been unmindful of those in different Yearly Meetings, who have separated themselves from their brethren. Towards these we have felt drawn in much tenderness, with earnest desires for their good. And we are engaged affectionately to encourage Friends in all their different meetings, to cultivate towards them feelings of true Christian forbearance and love, that if it shall please the blessed Head of the Church to draw their hearts to return to us, the arms of Friends may be open to receive them into the fellowship and unity of the Church, that we may be permitted to rejoice in the experience of that day when we can all take sweet counsel together, and go up in company to the house of the Lord.

And now, beloved friends, everywhere, with feelings of tenderness and affectionate

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regard under a grateful sense of the goodness of our Heavenly Father, in condescending to be near us on this interesting and solemn occasion, contriting our hearts together, and bringing us very near to each other in unity and love, we "commend you to God, and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Conference,

Elijah Coffin, Clerk.

Baltimore, Md., 12th of 7th month, 1849."

The meeting for Sufferings is requested to take such care in relation to the publishing and distributing this important document, as it may deem proper, and the clerk is authorized to Sign on our behalf, the minute of this meeting, adopting it, to be affixed to it when printed. The several Yearly Meetings that have heretofore appointed committees to meet in conference, having continued them under appointment, and it being proposed by New York Yearly Meeting, that there should be a meeting held in Baltimore on the first second day of the fifth month, 1851 – this meeting is united with the proposition, and we continue the same Friends now under appointment, to unite in this Conference, and to move therein as way may open for it in the Truth, and report to this meeting next year.

The Representatives to whom was refened the propositions from Vassalboro and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, relative to the expenses of this Meeting, made the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Representatives to whom was refened the propositions from Vassalborough and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings, having met and conferred together on the subjects refened to them, are united in proposing, that the provision heretofore made for members of this Yearly Meeting be discontinued, and that our Quarterly Meetings be recommended to render assistance to their members, who may need it, when they feel disposed to attend the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Representatives,

Lemuel Jones.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 18th, 1850."

The committee to settle with the Treasurer, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, Report, that we have attended to our appointment and find a balance in his hands of ninety-seven dollars and forty-eight cents, and would propose that the sum of two thousand dollars be raised the coming year, and propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee:

Peter Peck.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 19th, 1850."

– which is satisfactory, and David Buffum is accordingly appointed Treasurer – and the several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise and forward to him their respective

proportions of two thousand dollars – the sum proposed to be raised.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon – Friends again met.

The Committee on the joint concern of this and New York Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the joint concern of this and New York Yearly Meetings, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, Report, That as no opening has presented for any action of the Committee on their behalf, since our last report; and as New York Yearly Meeting has discharged its Committee, we recommend that this Committee be discharged also.

On behalf of the Committee,

John Howland.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 19th, 1850."

– Which is satisfactory, and our Committee is released from further service under its present appointment – but being introduced into a feeling of sympathy and commiseration for the interesting objects of our concern – we now appoint our friends Lindley M. Hoag, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Richard Battey, George Howland, Jr. Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen Dillingham, Benjamin M. Jones and George Bowen, to give such attention to this subject as way may open for, and report to this Meeting next year.

A Testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Anna A. Jenkins – also one of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, respecting our late beloved friend, Thomas Howland, were read at this time, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, it is directed that they be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 20th. The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment – Representatives present as yesterday.

The Records of the Meeting for sufferings for the past year were now read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention are satisfactory to this Meeting, and approved – and the Friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on our behalf in relation to any subject that may come before it affecting the welfare of our religious Society, according to the original organization and establishment of that Meeting.

The Committee of this Meeting, on Education, presented the following Report, which is interesting and satisfactory, and the Committee is continued and encouraged to attend to the important objects of its original appointment, and Samuel Austin and David Rodman are added to the Committee in place of our friends Gilbert Congdon and Nathan Breed, now appointed on the School Committee – and Albert C. Buffum in place of Peter M. Neal,

1850 removed from within the limits of Berwick Monthly Meeting.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education Report that we have given some attention to the duties of our appointment, but way has not opened for much service. We have collected Statistics from all the Monthly Meetings, from which we compile the following summary, to wit:

No. of Children between the ages of 4 and 6,	1288
" Children between the ages of 16 and 21,	553
" Monthly Meeting schools,	1
" Preparative Meeting schools,	2
" Family schools,	13
" Children attending Friends' schools,	230
" Children attending Mixed schools,	1335
" Schools taught by men Friends,	35
" Schools taught by women Friends,	54

It appears from the above account that there has been but little addition to the number of select schools since our last report, yet the Committee are encouraged to hope that there is an increasing interest in home culture, and we believe that wherever concerned parents, in humble dependence on the Divine blessing, and in a manner calculated to strengthen mutual love and confidence, have endeavored to discharge their duty to their children in this respect, that the tendency has been to counteract the unfavorable influences of Mixed schools. Should this Committee be continued or a similar one appointed, we hope that an increased concern may be felt for our children and that care will be taken that books setting forth the principles and doctrines of our Society be placed within the reach of those who are destitute and in scattered locations, and that parents be encouraged to acquaint their children with their contents. Two meetings of the Committee have been held during the present week, which were largely attended, and in which much interest was manifested in promoting the object of our appointment, and parents were urged to diligence in the use of all right means to discharge their responsible trust - seeking His blessing who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

Signed by direction of the Committee,

Geo. Richardson, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 19th, 1850."

[Committee on Education - Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Levis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, James Dennis, Jonathan Freeborn, Abel F. Collins, Moses Huntington, Jr. Newell Ordway, Hervod Chase, Joshua Page, Charles K. Tucker, Newell Coggeshall, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham K. Wing, George Almy, George W. Frances, John Macomber, Adrian Davis, Calvin Shepard, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minot, Samuel Jones of Windham, Nathan Douglass, Arnold Aldrich 2d. Thomas Grover, Paul Wing, John E. Fry, David Badcock, Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones, Benjamin Fry, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, William Tarr, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey,

David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph S. Nichols, Josiah Holmes, Jr. Solomon K. Knowles, William R. Jaber, Henry T. Wood, Samuel Austin, David Rodman, and Albert G. Buffum.]

The Committee to which was refered the Repot of the School Committee, made the following Repot, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the Repot of the School Committee and any other subjects connected with the interests of the School, have had the same under consideration, and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting – that the price for board and tuition in the School the present year, commencing with the now current term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, be restored to the price formerly charged, viz: fifty dollars per Term.

That the price of Board and Tuition for children, members of our Yearly Meeting, for the ensuing year, be Thirty Dollars per Term – and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members, be Forty-five dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five dollars per term additional charge, being made in all cases for instruction in the languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their meetings in the 9th and 3d months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any other information regarding them which may aid the School Committee – and the children to be received and to be selected by that Committee. The conditions of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen A. Chase.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 20th, 1850."

– which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward it with the Repot of the School Committee to our subordinate Meetings.

The same Committee also proposed the names of the following friends to constitute a committee for the superintendence and direction of the Boarding School for the ensuing year – which are satisfactory to this meeting and they are appointed accordingly and requested to repot nesct year, viz:

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, jr., William G. Jaber, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Long, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon G. Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aiken, George Howland.

[Women's Committee – Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H. Tobey, Olivia G. Oliver,

1850. Sophronia Page, Rhoda Rowland, jr., Mercy K. Wing, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Mint, Mary B. Fanning, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Theodate S. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Thebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Rowland, Mary E. Reed, Susan Rowland, Mary Williams.]

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians made the following Report, viz:

"To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report —

That the objects of our appointment have from time to time claimed our attention and awakened desires to render ourselves helpful in some way, though circumstances have prevented their being visited at their homes by the committee the past year. But as many of them are in the practice of roving from place to place, some of them have occasionally met with by members of the committee, and such opportunities have been improved to mingle in familiar and we think profitable converse with them. And although the failure of their crops for several years past has in some measure tended to discourage them in attending to agricultural pursuits as much as in former years, yet we are encouraged in the belief that there is some improvement in their general habits and particularly in abstaining from intoxicating drinks.

Newport, 6th mo. 20th, 1850.

Stephen Jones, Jr. on behalf of the Committee."

— which is satisfactory, and the committee is continued under appointment, and we desire their encouragement to embrace every opening that may be presented to exert a salutary influence over those interesting objects of our concern.

We are informed by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that our beloved friends John and Elizabeth Meader have been liberated for the performance of religious service in Great Britain and Ireland, and in way opens for it on some parts of the continent of Europe.

Whereupon we appoint our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, William C. Taber, Perez Peck, David Buffum and John Osborne to render any advice and assistance on the part of this meeting that may be desirable for them in their contemplated visit.

In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting — whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that "the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter — address Monrovia, Morgan County, Indiana.

Samuel P. Rowland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter — address Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in the place of

James Smith, deceased – address Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.

Change the address of Eleazer Wiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co., Ind'a."

A Testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting approved by the Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Henry Chace and his wife Betsy Chace – also one of Weare Monthly Meeting approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Ruth Osborne, and likewise one of New Bedford Monthly Meeting approved by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Mary Card, were at this time read and being satisfactory, it is directed that they be recorded.

The Committee on the Correspondence is requested to prepare suitable returning minutes for our beloved friends from other Yearly Meetings now in attendance of this meeting, and present them to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

According to adjournment the Meeting again assembled on Sixth day morning the 21st. Representatives present as yesterday.

A Testimony of Unity Monthly Meeting, approved by Wabash Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend John Warren, was read and being satisfactory to this Meeting, it is directed that it be recorded – and believing that the publication of the memorials presented to this Meeting the present year together with such as have been heretofore received since the last publication was ordered, may tend to usefulness, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to attend to the subject, and cause such number to be printed, as may be deemed desirable.

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina Ohio and Indiana, were produced to this Meeting by the Committee on Correspondence, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Richard Mott, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Willis, Nathaniel Sands and Anna Thornburgh, viz:

"Our beloved friend Richard Mott attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Richard Carpenter, and similar ones for our friends Micajah C. Binford and Lydia Bell, viz:

"Our beloved friend Richard Carpenter attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been truly acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Clerk is requested to cause 3,000 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting the present year to be printed and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings, for the use of Friends.

The Clerk is authorised to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The present Yearly Meeting having been a season of favor, in which, as we gratefully

and humbly believe, we have witnessed the blessed Head of the Church to be near to preserve and direct us – being closely united together in love – and the various concerns claiming our attention having been satisfactorily disposed of; we now conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey

Clerk this year —

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New-England, held on Rhode-Island from the 16th to the 21st inclusive of the Sixth Month 1850 – to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:

To the Yearly Meeting of London –

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been read in our meeting to our edification and comfort. We esteem it a mark of the continued mercy and favor of the great Shepherd of the Sheep that his love still continues to draw our hearts one unto another, so that we can greet each other as dear brethren. The sympathy and regard of our friends of other Yearly Meetings is felt by us to be very precious, and has proved on this as on other occasions strengthening and encouraging to us.

In the course of this Yearly Meeting we have had tendering seasons together, wherein the love of our Heavenly Father has been felt to be very near, by which Friends have been made measurably to drink of one cup and be baptised with one baptism – wherein we have been enabled to partake of the feeling under which the apostle exclaimed "thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift"

Humility before the Lord, reverent thankfulness unto Him for all his mercies, as they are christian duties, so they remain to be the sure means of safety and preservation. In this state we shall be kept from all high notions of ourselves, or our own attainments, as if by our own might or power we could do any thing effectually for the cause of truth, and in a disposition of mind reverently to look unto and depend upon Him who has promised to be strength in weakness and a present helper in every needful time. We have believed that this state of humble watchfulness was indispensible in order to witness the stubbornness of our own wills brought down and that submission wrought within us, by which we may adopt the language, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

If we cast all our care upon Him who careth for us, and without whose notice not a sparrow falls to the ground; if we learn to place all our dependence upon His gracious arm of power, and in sincerity to adopt the language of the Psalmist, "My expectation is from him", how gracious is His promise that he will regard the low estate of His people, and in His own time arise for their deliverance, and comfort and sustain them with his love. In every season of trial, how consoling is this language, "My grace is

sufficient for thee." When we are proved and buffeted or in more favoured seasons are permitted to feel the incomes of his love, if faithful to abide the turnings of His hand upon us, we shall be enabled to say thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

There are truly seasons when it becomes peculiarly needful to walk with great circumspection. The present we feel to be one which calls loudly for the exercise of those truly christian virtues of meekness and charity - a spirit of forbearance and love - and to imitate according to our ability the example of Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost, to gather the sheep who have strayed

We have at this time been impressed with the great necessity of the members of our religious Society, dwelling so near the gracious source of Heavenly wisdom, as to have their conversation among men ordered aright - that influenced by that wisdom which is from above, and which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, they may cast their influence in the communities in which they live, on the side of true christian principles and practices. And in respect to all those questions which arise, whether of a purely moral and religious character, or relating more to the business and concerns of life, they may so let their light shine before men - so to form their opinions and regulate their conduct as that they shall be in consistency with the precepts and spirit of the Gospel which breathes peace on earth and good will to men. It is not easy to foresee, how blessed might be the influence of Friends as a people, in calling the attention of the world and convincing the general mind of the desolating effects both moral and physical, of War, and in hastening on that day, when "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"

The evils and enormities connected with slavery and the slave trade, is another subject upon which we desire that we all should feel aright, and that we should be preserved from allowing any motive either of interest or policy to swerve us from an upright and consistent course, in bearing our testimony against this iniquitous system. We live in a part of our own country, free from the immediate effects of slavery, yet we believe it behooves us to be very careful so to feel and so to act in relation to it, that our example as a people may in all right ways, go to promote a proper state of feeling upon the subject in those around us; and that so far as we can, we may hasten the day when every yoke of bondage shall be broken and the oppressed shall go free. We rejoice that your Yearly Meeting has been strengthened to address the Sovereigns and those in authority in professedly christian nations upon this important subject, and we fervently crave that its labours of love herein may be blessed of the Lord.

We have read in our meeting your Epistle of last year, addressed to the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends, and we desire to express our sense of the value of the counsel and admonitions therein contained. We believe it has been in the ordering of best wisdom that your Yearly Meeting have from year to year prepared and issued an address of this character. We have according to our usual custom taken measures to circulate it among our members; and we desire it may be blessed to their edification and comfort.

The subject of the right training of youth, has afresh interested our feelings

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during this Meeting, and we have felt its importance both to its immediate objects, and to the welfare and prosperity of the society both at the present and prospect of the coming time, when the burdens and exercises of the Church will devolve upon those who are now young. We have craved that Friends may in love and tenderness exercise the parental care and authority, and with persuasion and entreaty seek to restrain the waywardness of youth and lead their tender minds into those paths of wisdom which are emphatically declared to be the paths of peace.

We have at this time been solemnly reminded of the uncertainty and transitory nature of all earthly things - and how soon and how suddenly we may be called to render an account of our Stewardship. The vacant seats of many whom we have been accustomed to meet in our annual assemblies speak loudly to us in the language be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. It has been also a source of sweet consolation to us to believe, that with respect to many who have gone before us to their everlasting homes, they were enabled through the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord to render up their account with joy, and having fought the good fight and kept the faith, have inherited the crown immortal. May we so live, that our death may be that of the righteous, and our latter end be like his.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tolerey Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of last month has been received at this time, together with similar testimonials from other Yearly Meetings, and in the reading thereof our distant brethren have been brought afresh to our remembrance, and a renewed evidence felt, that we continue to be one people, that one is our Master even Christ, and all we are brethren.

One distinguishing feature in the doctrines and precepts of the Gospel is that they remain ever the same; and in addressing you at the present time, we feel thankful in acknowledging that we have no new truths to communicate. We feel that it is profitable for us often to recur to the Rock upon which our worthy predecessors in the truth were concerned to build, "The foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." Humbling indeed is the consideration that "God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

And dear friends, we would gratefully acknowledge, that during the various sittings of this Meeting, we have we reverently trust, felt the quickening effects of this

pure Love, under the blessed influence of which we have been comforted together and some qualification has been afforded to labor for the promotion of the cause of Him who hath thus loved us.

In reviewing the State of our Society as exhibited by the answers to the Queries, we must with you acknowledge that many deficiencies exist, and our minds have been introduced into exercise and travail of spirit on account thereof, and fervent desires have been raised for their removal - yet we are encouraged in believing that there are many among us, who are earnestly engaged for the support of our ancient principles and testimonies. We believe that a want of love to God, is the prominent cause of these deficiencies - and we desire that we may all be concerned to dwell more and more under the operations of this love. As this becomes our individual engagement, our hearts we believe would often become contrited before him, and under a sense of his many mercies, under the humbling consideration that he first loved us, before we loved him, the privilege of attending our religious meetings would become very precious to us; and when * assembled for the solemn purpose of Divine Worship, we should at times, although no vocal communication should be heard, realize a being fed from the Lord's table and witness a putting on a little strength in His name. We believe that as this becomes our blessed experience the deficiencies in the maintenance of our peculiar testimonies will more and more be removed, and our Society, would be found coming up to the place which we apprehend it was designed it should occupy; and we should be made instrumental in the Lord's hand in hastening the coming of that day when it shall be said, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

With the salutation of love we remain your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk -

To Philadelphia:

Dear Friends,

Assembled at our usual time and place as a Yearly Meeting of Friends to attend to the various subjects claiming our attention as a portion of the Militant Church, we feel bound gratefully to commemorate the mercy and loving kindness of the Lord, in that He has been pleased, as we reverently and humbly believe, graciously to remember us, and has granted unto us a measure of His love by which we have been closely and tenderly united together; and under the flowings thereof we have remembered you, dear friends, and feel drawn to salute you as brethren whose preservation and safe keeping under the Heavenly Wing, we desire as our own.

The apostle declares that the Charity which should be possessed by the followers of Christ, "Suffereth long and is kind xxx beareth all things xxx hopeth all things, endureth all things". We desire for ourselves to be practically in the exercise of this charity. The spirit of the Gospel is the spirit of love - and they that live in this spirit will live

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in love, without which we cannot be in a state to enter into and enjoy the presence of Him who first loved us and gave himself for us.

That we may know an abiding engagement to live near the only true Guide - to be led and instructed in all things by Him, walking meekly and humbly before Him, is our renewed and fervent concern - and in this feeling we bid you farewell

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk -

To New York:

Dear Friends,

Being again permitted to meet in this our Annual Assembly for the transaction of the weighty affairs of the Church, our hearts have been warmed, and we have been comforted by the reading of the epistles from our brethren of several of the Yearly Meetings on this continent and from London and Dublin - among which we acknowledge yours of the 5th month last.

This long established intercourse between the different branches of our portion of the Church, we have abundant reason to believe, originated in the direction of best wisdom, and as it is continued under the same influence with a single eye to the glory of God, and the welfare of the brethren, its effect must necessarily be the promotion of Christian fellowship and love among us as a people wherever situated.

Our Meeting has at this time been well attended, and we have, we humbly trust, been favored to feel the Master of Assemblies to be with us. Under this precious influence, our hearts have been contrited, and many of us, we trust, have been brought to renew our covenant with him, that if indeed he would be with us, and lead us in the way we should go, then should the Lord be our God. May we all be impressed with the necessity of this guidance - of looking to the Savior alone for a qualification to do his work and service, of humbly and patiently waiting for the puttings forth of the divine hand in all our efforts to promote His cause - His glorious cause of truth and righteousness in the earth. Then might we confidently expect that our labors would be blessed and that the reward of peace would be our portion.

The removal of many who have stood as standard bearers among us, and who have borne the burden and heat of the day, has solemnly impressed upon our minds the importance of the injunction: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." And in reviewing the testimonies which have been presented to us, of the exemplary lives and labors in the gospel, of several of our departed friends, we have been afresh incited to devote ourselves more fully to the service of so good a Master, and to follow them as they followed Christ. We much desire that both with you and us, there may be a deep searching of hearts before him who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, that we may experience them to be cleansed and purified, and come to know what is his holy mind and will

concerning us, that by yielding obedience thereto, and submitting to the operations of his grace, we may be qualified to occupy the seats of those who have been taken from among us, and become one anothers helpers in the Lord.

Our committee appointed to confer with Committees of other Yearly Meetings at Baltimore, presented a report at this time, accompanied by the document prepared by the united Committees. The document was read in this meeting, and very fully united with. Our committee was continued for such further service as way may open for in the Truth, to meet at the time and place designated by you.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk -

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

We gratefully acknowledge that we have been again permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting for the purpose of transacting the business of the Church; and whilst humbled under a sense of our incapacity of ourselves, rightly to perform the same, we, nevertheless, confidingly trust, that he who is the never-failing support of his dependent children, will, as we look to him, be near to help us in the needful time.

The reading of your acceptable epistle of 10th. Month last, as also similar testimonials of brotherly love from our dear friends of other Yearly Meetings, was indeed cordial and strengthening to us; and we have, afresh at this time felt the benefit and importance of this epistollary correspondence, firmly believing it was commenced and has been continued under the influence of pure wisdom. We highly prize it; - and how precious to feel that we are one people, and realise the truth of the declaration, "One is your Master, even Christ and all ye are brethren." Were we individually fully to submit to the baptizing power of Christ, thereby "made quick of discernment in the fear of the Lord", and by continuing in the furnace become cleansed from all defilements of flesh and spirit, we might experience what is so beautifully marked on the sacred page - "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

Our meeting has been large and mercifully favored, we humbly trust, with the overshadowing wing of ancient goodness.

In the answers to the queries from our subordinate meetings we still find deficiencies. The neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings, continues to be a source of mourning and sorrow to the rightly concerned, and much solicitude has been manifested that greater faithfulness herein may be witnessed among us.

Not a few of the dear youth are in attendance, the sober orderly deportment of many of whom, evinces a concern to come up in the footsteps of the flock of the companions of Christ, and to take a part in the proper management of the affairs of the Church. We therefore entertain the cheering hope that there will be a succession of standard bearers

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to fill the places of those who are removed and are removing from this militant state.

We have had the company of a number of dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of love have been truly edifying and strengthening to us.

The committee to meet in conference with similar committees from other Yearly Meetings on the tried state of our Society, made an acceptable report and produced a document prepared by the associated Committee, which being deliberately read and considered, was fully united with and adopted by this meeting. We have believed it right to continue our committee to meet those from other Yearly Meetings at Baltimore, as proposed by New York Yearly Meeting, the first second day in the 5th month 1851.

We thankfully acknowledge that we have been favored to transact the important concerns that have come before us in entire unity.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jr Clerk

To North Carolina:

Dear Friends,

The reading of your acceptable Epistle of 11th month last, with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from each of the other Yearly Meetings, except two, was accompanied with renewed feelings of affectionate remembrance towards our distant brethren, with desires for their and our growth and establishment in the ever blessed Truth.

In taking a view of the state of Society as developed in the answers to the Queries, although many deficiencies still continue amongst us, which were cause of exercise to the living members of the Church, yet we were consoled with the evidence afforded, that the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious. His presence was livingly felt to be near; and in the fresh arisings of Gospel love, counsel and advice flowed freely to the tendering of many hearts. To Him alone be the praise, to whom it is due!

The neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings, particularly those held near the middle of the week, so feelingly adverted to in your epistle continues also with us to be a subject of deep and living travail to many Friends. We believe that these meetings had their origin in the Truth; and under its blessed influence they were set up and diligently attended by our worthy predecessors, and that as they are held in the same spirit and power in which they originated, they will be often found to be seasons of refreshment from the presence of the Lord. We are satisfied that no growth in the Truth can be expected of those among us who neglect the attendance of them.

The duty of parents to their children has also feelingly engaged their attention. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." "Fathers provoke not your children to wrath, lest they be discouraged, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." In the various forms of temptation which are so captivating to the susceptible minds of youth, the influence of a parent's love may be und-

the Divine blessing the means of restraining them from yielding to those temptations. We believe our testimonies, as well as our doctrines, had their origin in the unchangeable Truth. There is a beauty in simplicity - it seems to be the external badge of that purity of heart which the religion of Christ leads into. Highly esteeming the privilege of membership in our religious society, we cannot witness without concern our beloved young people deviating from the support of those testimonies, which we believe are as a hedge about us, and laying aside those distinguishing marks of dress, language and deportment, by which we are known as Friends, wherever we may be. The tender remonstrance, the silent tear of a piously concerned parent may often be the means of restraining the inclination to these indulgencies, 'till better feelings and higher motives obtain the ascendancy in the youthful mind.

The report of our Boarding School Committee has been received and read at this time much to our satisfaction, representing the School in a prosperous condition. The guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth has ever been a subject of deep interest to us, believing, as we do, that the future welfare of our Society, and the maintenance of the principles of Friends, depends very much upon the Children's being educated in those principles. We desire your encouragement in the work of education, and may we all be willing in this particular to adopt the Scripture admonition: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." In keeping up your Boarding School from time to time, pecuniary and other sacrifices will doubtless be called for - but we desire to encourage parents among you, all who have it in their power, to place their children at the School, and thereby encourage an institution, which we doubt not in years to come will prove of great value to the Society of Friends, and will not be without its influence upon the community at large.

We rejoice to find, dear friends, that your minds continue alive to the iniquity of the system of Slavery. Placed as you are, in a situation to witness much oppression, may you be strengthened to embrace every right opening to plead in meekness the cause of those whose rights as men are unjustly withheld from them - but who are, equally with ourselves, the objects of our blessed Redeemer's love.

The document prepared by the united committees of five Yearly Meetings, in the seventh month last, at Baltimore, was read before our men's and women's meetings, and after a time of solid deliberation, was united with by a very full expression and without dissent. The Committee was continued to meet the Committees of the other Yearly Meetings at Baltimore, the first second day of the fifth month, next year, agreeably to the recommendation of New York Yearly Meeting, in which the concern originated.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

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To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

We have at this season been very graciously favoured through the unmerited mercy and goodness of our Father who is in heaven with the tendering influences of his love. Our hearts have been contrited and broken before Him, and in lowedness of soul we have been led to acknowledge that unto Him should be ascribed praise and glory forever – for surely we are as nothing, and unto us belongeth shame and confusion of face yet we can acknowledge in gratitude, that hitherto He hath helped us. These tokens of his grace have led us into near sympathy with the household of faith, our dear brethren, with whom we have been accustomed in times which are past to take sweet counsel, and to greet with the salutation of love.

You, dear friends, have been brought very near to us, and we desire to commune again with you in christian feeling, and in the language of the disciple whom Jesus loved to say, "For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another". Let us then dear friends, consider how great love the Father hath bestowed upon us – that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life"; and that through this means is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, drawing us nearer unto him and inclining our hearts one towards another in the bonds of the Gospel.

It was this precious influence that led our early Friends to come out from the world, to separate themselves from its maxims and its spirit, and as a united band of brothers to hold up to the world a lively example and testimony of true Christian doctrine and practice. The testimonies which they bore before the face of a froward generation, in suffering, in spoiling of goods, in imprisonment, yea unto death itself have fallen upon us. To bear them now faithfully, we need the support of the same sustaining Arm of Power; and in the wise dispensations of his Providence we need the help one of another. We desire, we earnestly crave, that through his help, we may be preserved from all things, which will in any measure deprive us, of the sympathy and help of the Church, that mystical body of which Christ Jesus is the alone and holy Head.

Let us then in humility before the Lord cherish every feeling of tenderness, every emotion of soul calculated to soften the heart, and pray that he would take from us the stony heart, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart quickened and made alive unto Him, and full of sympathy one for another – that as members of the same household of faith, fellow-professors of the same blessed doctrines and testimonies, descendents in the faith of the same worthy and venerated predecessors in religious profession, we may in true christian feeling unite together, and hand in hand go up to the mountain of the Lord, the house of the God of Jacob, where the gracious promise is that He will teach us of his ways, and we may walk in His paths.

"Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there, why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" He, who in old time it was promised by

prophetic testimony, should be given for the healing of the nations, has come - the blessed influence of his Spirit is felt - the healing virtue of his love is shed abroad. O friends, let us gather to him as doves to the windows - let us submit ourselves unreservedly to his teachings - let us abide the day of his purifying operations, then shall we witness a better time. We think we see even now, the dawning of that better day, wherein the Sun of Righteousness shall arise, with healing in His wings.

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk -

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of 10th month last was received and read in this Meeting to our comfort and edification. We are afresh convinced of the value of this epistolary correspondence which brings our distant brethren renewedly to our affectionate remembrance, and cements more closely the ties of unity and gospel fellowship which bind us together as one people. It is only as we live under the blessed influence of this unity of spirit, which is the bond of peace, that we can truly adopt the language, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren".

Our meeting has been well attended, though not larger than at many other times. We have had the company of a considerable number of our dear young friends, whose solid quiet demeanour has been comforting and strengthening to us, giving evidence of good seed sown in their hearts, which we trust will in due season, under the warming beams of the Sun of Righteousness, bring forth fruit to the praise of the Great Husbandman.

In reviewing the state of Society, although deficiencies continue to be reported in the answers to the Queries, which have been cause of mourning, we have derived consolation and strength from a sense of the presence of the Great Head of the Church by his Spirit, tendering our hearts, and enabling us to engage in this important service, we reverently trust, in his holy fear. Counsel and encouragement, from concerned brethren, both of our own and other Yearly Meetings were freely imparted. "Not unto us, not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name give glory."

Our Committee on Education, composed of members from all the Monthly Meetings, presented a report, stating the number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, and the description of schools they attend, from which it appears that though but a small proportion enjoy the advantage of schools strictly select, yet there is a very large number of district schools taught by members, many of which they have the privilege of attending; and there is evidently an increase of concern among our members with respect to the moral and religious training of our children.

Our boarding school committee made a satisfactory report, representing the School in a prosperous condition. This institution for some years past has averaged

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about 100 scholars. Provision is made for tuition in all the common and useful branches of an English education, Mathematics and the Latin, Greek and French languages. The Holy Scriptures are daily read twice to the scholars, and on First days, they recite portions of them, or answer questions therein. We believe this institution has exerted a very beneficial influence in the Society and in the community. A large number of district schools have been supplied with teachers from this source.

We are pleased to find that your Boarding School is sustaining itself by its own income. We trust that you will be able To continue and extend its advantages. We doubt not that it had its origin in a religious concern, and that as it is conducted in conformity therewith, it will prove of benefit to the pupils and to Society.

Our Committee on Indian concerns west of the Mississippi, acting in conjunction with a Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, finding but little opening for usefulness in that capacity, was released, the Yearly Meeting of New York having previously released its Committee. A lively concern and sympathy, however, being felt by us on account of the difficulties experienced by Friends, who have charge of the Shawnee School and Settlement, a Committee was appointed to take this subject under its care.

The document prepared by the united Committees of five Yearly Meetings in the Seventh month last, at Baltimore, was read before our men's and women's meetings, and after a time of solid deliberation, was united with by a very full expression and without dissent. The Committee was continued to meet the Committees of the other Yearly Meetings at Baltimore, the first second day of the fifth month, next year, agreeably to the recommendation of New York Yearly Meeting in which the concern originated.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of said Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day, the 15th, and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning, the 16th of Sixth month, 1851. -

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island — Thomas Anthony, Rowland Greene, Peter Peck, Jacob H. Vining, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Hoag, Timothy C. Collins, William A. Robinson and Ellis Gifford.

" Salem — Stephen A. Chace, Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyce, Moses Pennington, Jr., Nathan Reed of Lynn, & Thomas W. Thorndike.

" Sandwich — Edmund Gardner, Isaac K. Gifford, Moses H. Rogers, John Rowland Joseph Wing, William Mitchell, Stephen Allen and Stephen Dillingham.

" Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Samuel Jones, Nathan Dougeas, Nathan Pope, John H. Mitchell, Abraham Winsor and Caleb Jones.

" Smithfield — Jacob Grover, Jesse Marsh, Rowland Rathbun, Smith Battey Charles Cadwell, James N. Fry and John E. Fry.

" Vassalboro — Joseph C. Coe, Edmund Gales, John Worth, Stephen Jones, Alton Pope, Clement Rackliff, Edmund Whitehouse, Elisha Jones, Moses Taber and Josiah Jones.

" Dover — Lindley Murray Hoag, Tobias Meader, Jacob H. Purington, Samuel Dennis and Benajah Buffum.

" Fairfield — Elijah Pope, Frederick Swan, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Douglas, Winslow Hawkes, Joseph Taylor and David Dudley -

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey, from Great-Britain, whose certificates from their respective meetings, were read in this meeting in the year 1847, and duly minuted. These documents were again read at this time and are truly satisfactory to us.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Wood of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting in the State of Ohio, - James Owen, of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana, - James Jordan, of Minnewaska Monthly Meeting, New-York, - Anna Adams of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Sarah C. Hawxhurst and Deborah C. Kinsdale, of New York Monthly Meeting, - Abigail H. Comer, of Westtown's Monthly Meeting, and of Rachel Hathaway, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the State of Ohio, - satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Caleb Hathaway, of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, who accompanies his wife Rachel Hathaway, - Simon D. Harvey,

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of Miami Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Daniel Wood, — Jonathan Butler of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend James Owen, — and of Maria Willetts from New-York Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Deborah C. Kinsdale. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were received and read.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, held in 1850, was read in this meeting and was satisfactory and edifying to us; and, with a desire that the instructive counsel and doctrine contained therein may be received by Friends generally within our limits, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce, to cause 3500 copies to be reprinted and forwarded in due proportion to our several Quarterly Meetings, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

Interesting and truly acceptable epistles have been received from our brethren of London Yearly Meeting addressed to us in 1850, and also at their recent meeting the present year, and from our dear friends of Dublin, New-York, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings. These renewed evidences of sympathy and love have been very comforting and strengthening to us at this time, and we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of communications to these several Yearly Meetings as way may open for it, and present them to a future sitting, viz: (James Atherton, Rowland Greene, Stephen C. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Jacob H. Vining, John L. Lang, David Buffum, John Rowland, Benjamin C. Jones, Thomas Anthony, Newell Hoxie, Thomas S. Gifford, William C. Taber, Daniel Taber, Samuel Jones, Peter Peck, Joseph H. Cole, John E. Fry, Caleb Jones, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Rodman, Joseph Taylor, Edmund Gates, Aiden Sampson, David K. Aikin, George Rowland, Lindley M. Hoag, Thomas W. Thandike, Joseph Metcalf, David Dudley, Moses Huntington, Jr., John Osborne, Isaac K. Gifford, James Jones, William D. Tenny, Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Douglass, Benajah Buffum and Stephen Jones.

We are again brought to regret that we have received no epistle from our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, but still feeling tenderly drawn towards them in brotherly love, the Committee above appointed are requested also to take the subject into consideration, and if way opens for it, prepare and present essays of communications to those meetings.

By the reports received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears, that Rhode Island has united with South-Kingstown Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Timothy C. Collins; with Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Dame and Mary Williams to the station of Elders, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth B. Buffington to the same station; that Salem has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of John Page; that Sandwich has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances of Mercy K. Wing, and of Elizabeth Dillingham in the minis-

that Falmouth has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ezekiel Varney to the station of an Elder, with Limmington in approving the public appearances and gift in the ministry of John Cartland, with Falmouth in the appointment of Lydia Winslow to the station of an Elder, and with Durham Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joshua Douglass and Jesse Crossman to the same station; that Vassalboro has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph K. Cole to the station of an Elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Martha E. Pratt to the same station; that Dover has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edward Lock to the station of an Elder, and with Sandwich in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Hoag. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that it has laid down Richmond Monthly Meeting, and attached the members thereof to Uxbridge Monthly Meeting.

All the Quarterly Meetings except Dover, report that they have directed the several proportions of stock called for by this Meeting last year, to be paid to our Treasurer; and by one of the Representatives from Dover we are informed that their Treasurer had been directed to pay to ours their quota of stock.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — The meeting convened pursuant to adjournment.

Lowland Greene on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, which is approved, and they are appointed accordingly.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were now read.

An epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London last year addressed to its junior members, was received and read, and believing that the valuable advice contained therein may be useful to the members of this Yearly Meeting, especially to those in the earlier walks of life, we affectionately commend it to their attention, and direct 4500 copies reprinted for distribution, and our friends William C. Taber and Samuel Boyce are requested to attend to this service and draw on our Treasurer for the expense.

Accompanying the Epistle received from our brethren of Dublin Yearly Meeting the present year, was "an Epistle of tender counsel to Friends in Ireland from the Committee Separated by the Yearly Meeting held in Dublin in 1850, to visit the Quarterly and other Meetings belonging thereto," which was now read, and its contents are truly acceptable and edifying to us; and in order to give all our members an opportunity of perusing it, the Clerk is directed to cause it to be appended to the printed Minutes of this Meeting the present year.

Our friends William A. Robinson, Micajah C. Pratt, George Howland, Jr., Joshua Douglass, John E. Fry, William Taber, Samuel Dennis, and Aden Sampson are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, propose a suitable sum to be raised by this Meeting the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

Our friends Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Reed, William C. Jaber, Samuel Jones, John Osborne, Joseph H. Cole, Benajah Buffum and Joseph Taylor, are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received at this time and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 17th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the State of Society by reading the Queries and the Answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings - and in this engagement we were dipped into close exercise on account of the deficiencies that continue to be reported to us in giving an honest account of our Spiritual health.

The obvious and imperative duty of meeting together for the worship of our Almighty Father in Heaven - our Creator and our Preserver - still appears to be neglected by many of those who profess our name and are members of our religious Society. Very affecting to us has been the reflection that, while we all acknowledge that we are responsible unto God - that to him we are to render an account for all the blessings that He has conferred upon us - that it is from Him and Him alone that every good thing comes - that in Him we live and move and have our being - that he continues us at His own good pleasure upon His footstool and that he will sever the slender thread of life whenever it pleaseth Him - any should be neglectful of the reasonable service of assembling themselves together to wait upon Him - to worship and adore Him. From whence arises this fearful neglect of duty? Is it the love of the world? If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. Are we willing to forego the benefit to be derived from waiting upon God? from communing with our own hearts before Him and seeking unto Him for His blessing? Dependent, wholly dependent upon Him, shall we not in the ability which he may be pleased to give, render unto Him the homage which is His due? Very gracious is the promise of our Lord that He would be with those, however few in number, who are gathered together in His name. Will we not in abasedness and brokenness of heart, unworthy as we may feel ourselves to be of such transcendent mercy, seek to witness this blessing ourselves - even of knowing Christ our adorable Savior, to be with us, and through His Holy Spirit strengthening us and enabling us to pray unto our Heavenly Father - helping our infirmities and making intercessions for us. The Query was pathetically raised, how shall this leprosy be cleansed? What is the remedy to be applied? And it was feelingly pressed home, upon Friends individually, to return to their first love, if any have become estranged therefrom, and then seek to discharge their whole duty to their delinquent brethren - that the blood of none may rest in their skirts. Each one was encouraged to increased faithfulness, not only by example but by precept, to do all that the Lord requires at his hands to remove these painful deficiencies. An honest concern on the part of those who have been favored to be partakers of the love of God in Christ Jesus

whose hearts are filled with a sense of His mercy and His goodness - as it is faithfully attended to in retaken to those who like themselves are wholly dependent upon this mercy, will be blessed, and there will be an increased engagement on the part of all to meet together to worship God - and the waste places in Zion be restored. The inspired Apostle thus invoked the early members of the church:- "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." So is this meeting now engaged most fervently to exhort every member of our religious society.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment; and the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." A neglect of the first and great commandment necessarily leads to deficiency in the observance of the second, for they are inseparable. If we truly love our Heavenly Father, we cannot fail to love our brother. As we are sensible that God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us, we shall be ready to forgive even those who we may believe have trespassed against us. The prayer will be constantly borne upon our hearts, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". When our hearts are filled with the love of Christ, it will flow in freeness to our brethren - all detraction and evil speaking will be done away - the tongue will be chained from expressing any evil one of another, but under the influence of restoring love we shall be engaged for the healing of those who are overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of meekness, considering ourselves lest we also be tempted.

The right training of our precious children was felt to be a concern of vital importance. In very early life should this work be begun and perseveringly continued, looking unto the Lord for a blessing upon it. Early misplaced parental indulgence produces effects not only injurious to the child, but destructive of the peace of the parent. Eli of old was condemned because he did not restrain his sons, while of the patriarch Abraham the Lord said, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment." An earnest concern was manifested that parents might discharge their whole duty to their children - that they might endeavour early to imbue their tender minds with a love of the Truth, taking them with them to our religious meetings, both on first days and in the middle of the week, and instructing them in the purpose for which we assemble. The reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families daily was earnestly recommended and that this be done not in a hasty or formal manner, but with hearts reverently turned unto Him who gave them forth through his inspired servants, that He would be pleased to open to their understandings the sacred truths contained in them, and which are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Having proceeded with the Queries to the third inclusive, and been favored to be closely united and tendered together, the meeting adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon

Afternoon - met by adjournment.

The consideration of the State of Society was resumed and concluded by reading the remaining Queries and Answers

The several important subjects brought into view claimed the solid consideration of the meeting. That of our friends connecting themselves in marriage with those who are not members of our religious society was felt to be a matter of deep interest, affecting our welfare as a religious community as well as the individual domestic relations thus involved. When there is a unity in religious views, where parents are alike concerned for their children, and unitedly engaged to train them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, their counsel will prove much more effective than where there is a diversity of sentiment in these respects. We were earnestly exhorted ever to remember that marriage should not be considered merely a civil contract, whatever civil relations it may involve, but a divine institution of the highest importance to man, having the sanction of the Divine Lawgiver — and our young friends were tenderly entreated to seek for divine direction in entering into this most solemn and interesting connexion, and carefully to observe our preserving discipline in all their proceedings.

The subject of the faithful maintenance of our well known testimony against Slavery, also claimed the very weighty consideration of this meeting. Friends were feelingly encouraged not to relax in their faithfulness in the support of this important religious concern. We are sensible that under the present laws of our General Government, our members may be sometimes involved in circumstances of great embarrassment. It has ever been a fundamental principle with Friends to manifest on all occasions that we are practical followers of the Prince of Peace; of Him who testified "My Kingdom is not of this world, else would my servants fight." We have also ever declared and at all times demonstrated that we cannot <u>resist</u> the laws of our temporal rulers, but passively submit to their penalties when they conflict with the paramount laws of our Holy Redeemer. Thus our predecessors were often subjected to severe sufferings and even to the privation of life to preserve a conscience void of offence towards God; and it is the concern of this meeting to encourage our friends quietly to endure any suffering that may be brought upon them in the observance of that universal law and command of Christ, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Be not moved by the commotion and excitements of the present day; be firm and unflinching in your allegiance to Christ; in patience and in quietness possess ye your souls. While steadily observing the golden rule of our Divine Master, be not betrayed by feelings of sympathy for the oppressed into any compromise of our principals of peace but if suffering is involved, endure it patiently, manifesting to all that you are actuated by the spirit of Christ, which condemns violence in every form, and leads its humble votaries in the way of quietness and peace. In the passive endurance of sufferings you may be effectively instrumental in awaking the sympathies of our rulers for those that are bound as well as for those that are seeking to escape from bondage; and in hastening the coming of that day when every yoke shall be broken, and the oppressed go free.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except seven small ones, which omissions were chiefly occasioned by sickness and inclement weather. — Those on first days are attended generally by most of our members; mid-week meetings and those for discipline are more neglected by some, and one account states that a few members have wholly left the attendance of their meetings. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are reported in the accounts from all the Quarterly Meetings — generally clear of other unbecoming behavior. Some care is reported in most of the accounts.

2d. Love and unity are maintained by most Friends, yet exceptions are noticed in many of the answers. Detraction is mostly guarded against — when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them.

3d. There appears to be a good degree of care with Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness — to restrain them from pernicious reading, and from corrupt conversation — yet exceptions are noticed in several of the accounts. Most Friends are exemplary themselves — the Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friend's families.

4th. In the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, two accounts are without exceptions. In one Quarterly Meeting one case, in another, two cases, and in the others, very few in each are reported — some of which are under notice. A few instances of attending places of public resort, in which some care is taken. Moderation and temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Four children have been placed out from among Friends, two of whom were not subject to our control.

6th. There appears to be some deficiency in regard to this Query reported in the answers from all our Quarterly Meetings except one. Some care has been taken.

7th. Friends are concerned to maintain our testimony against the payment of Priests' wages, except one instance reported of contributing to the support of a hireling ministry, which is under notice. Clear with respect to the other particulars of this Query, except in a few instances of a military nature reported in two of the answers which are under notice.

8th. Friends are generally clear in the several parts of this Query, excepting some neglect in the settlement of accounts reported from one Quarterly Meeting, and some care taken.

9th. Marriages are all recorded. Births, deaths and burials not fully so. A few instances of removals without certificates are reported in the answers from all the Quarterly Meetings except one, some of which are under notice.

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders in good measure as Queried after, with some exceptions in regard to timely dealing reported in three of the answers — and to place judgment according to discipline.

Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm, who, with our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, has now visited most of the meetings of this Yearly Meeting, informed us that

they apprehended the time had now nearly come when they believed they should be released from this field of labor, and permitted to return to their dear families and friends at home. Their gospel services having been truly acceptable and edifying to us, our friends Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Eli Jones, Rowland Greene, Lindley M. Hoag, Stephen Jones, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Buffum and John T. Lang, are appointed to prepare suitable certificates on their behalf expressive of the sense of this meeting, and present them to a future sitting. They are also requested to prepare suitable returning minutes for our other beloved friends now in attendance of this meeting.

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and our friends William Reynolds, Edmund Chace, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph C. Peckham, Estes Newhall, Thomas W. Thwaites, Micajah C. Pratt, Samuel Boyce, William Mitchell, Isaac K. Gifford, William P. Vreeland, Stephen Dillingham, John W. Mitchell, Samuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, John D. Lang, Daniel Jones, Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Jones, John E. Fry, Smith Bailey, John Osborne, Charles Hadwen, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Fry, Jacob K. Turnston, Elijah Pope, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Taylor and Frederick Swan, are appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment on the propositions contained therein to a future sitting. They are also requested to propose the names of friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, Sixth Month, 1851.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report-that they have given attention to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee at large and by Sub-Committees for the supervision of the School and its various concerns.

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according to their ability to promote in the Institution a religious, guarded education, consistent with our religious profession.

The School during the year has been under the charge of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Connell as Superintendants. — Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens have served as Teachers through the year, in the male department, with the addition of John Henry Coffman during the Winter Term. In the female department we have had the services of Anna B. Sage and Anna Inman during the Summer Term, and of the latter with Deborah Hadway and Mary W. Hawkes during the Winter Term. Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as Teacher of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both Schools during the year. Instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages has been given by George Peirce for both terms, and in the French Language during the Winter Term by Louise Parrot, a native French Teacher.

The average number of scholars has been ninety-two, viz., forty-eight males and forty-four females.

During the Summer Term, the health of the family was generally good. In the

Winter Term the measles prevailed to a great extent among the scholars, there having been forty-six cases among one hundred and twenty-one scholars in the School at the time.

It was cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated in recovery to health, except one. Mary Smith, daughter of Moses Smith, of Dartmouth, an interesting young woman, of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment, was removed by death. She took the disease while laboring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of the 21st of First month, being a few days over 18 years of age.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the Winter Term have been $13,413 12.

The Income received from the School Fund has been $7,495 — and from board, tuition, and other sources, $6,137 77. Total income, including balance of last year, $13,632 77; — leaving unexpended in the Superintendent's hands $219 65, an amount about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850. Besides the above expenditures, the sum of $529 50 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of scientific Books, from funds specially appropriated to those objects.

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year, viz.: for members of our Yearly Meeting, Thirty dollars per Term — for members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty dollars per Term — and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty-five dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five Dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the Ninth and Third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the Fund, and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as Males."

The subject of the continuance of holding meetings for the scholars and family in the house, has been several times, during the year, solidly considered by the committee; and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein, of the committee for the superintendence of the School the coming year, being authorized, as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the

scholars and family of the Meetings in worship in Providence.

In conclusion, we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the continued usefulness of this School, and for the religious exercise excited, we trust, by Friends, that under the ripening of Divine Providence, the School may be increasingly useful in fostering in the minds of our young Friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued, and increasing solicitude, that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world - that the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly obeyed amongst us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, 6th month 3d, 1851.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary H. Harvey as companion to our friend Rachel Cathaway, a satisfactory certificate as her's & hers was read at this time from Miami Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Ohio, held 2d mo. 19th, 1851.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 18th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The Committee of this Meeting continued under appointment last year to meet with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in conference at Baltimore, produced the following Report, viz:-

"To New-England Yearly Meeting of Friends -

The undersigned of the Committe appointed by our Yearly Meeting to meet with like Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in Baltimore in the 5th mo. 1851, to confer together on the general interests of Society, Report - That we attended to the appointment, and the Meeting of the Associated Committees was held at the time and place appointed, at which entire harmony, and much brotherly feeling prevailed, and after a time of conference together, on various important subjects relating to the general interests and welfare of Society, an address to Friends was agreed upon, with entire unity, a copy of which we herewith lay before the Meeting.

John D. Lang, David Buffum,
John Osborne, Samuel Taylor, Jr.,
Stephen A. Chase Samuel Boyce,
Samuel Boyd Tobey. "

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- which is satisfactory to us - and although we sensibly feel that our Society is still painfully circumstanced, yet we believe it may be best for us to release our Committee from further service at the present time.

The Address referred to in the foregoing Report was now read, and after a season of solid deliberation, it was, with a full and united expression, cordially approved and adopted.

The Clerk was directed to place the same upon our Records, but the printing and circulation of it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, to be attended to by that Meeting when it shall have been laid before the different Yearly Meetings that were represented in the Conference. The Meeting is at liberty to omit the paragraph which was prepared and adopted by the different Yearly Meetings in 1833.

The Address to Friends prepared by the Committee of the Yearly Meetings of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana assembled in Conference at Baltimore in the fifth month 1851.

At a Meeting of the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana in Conference at Baltimore in the fifth month 1851, to consider the present tried State of our Society and to labor for its restoration to that unity and fellowship that formerly characterized it -

Assembled at this time for an important and solemn service, our minds have been reverently turned to Him who alone is the sure guide and preserver of his people, that He would be pleased in the riches of his mercy, notwithstanding our unworthiness, to grant unto us a measure of that wisdom which is profitable to direct, and that He would strengthen us, if consistent with His Holy Will, to be instrumental in the promotion of His blessed cause in the healing of the breaches that have been sorrowfully made in the Church, and in the restoration of that love and unity which are essential to our prosperity, and which were formerly our adorning as a people.

We have renewedly and very deeply felt that it is not for us in our own strength to attempt to do anything for the advancement of the cause of Truth. "Except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the City, the watchman waketh but in vain."

In contemplating the origin of our religious Society we have been instructed in the remembrance of the lives and example of those who were then called by the adorable Head of the Church into His service -

We behold them engaged with singleness of purpose advocating the cause of our Holy Redeemer, and under the immediate guidance of His Spirit laboring to set forth the doctrines of the Gospel in the purity in which they were delivered to the world by Christ himself and His inspired Apostles -

We see them dedicating themselves to this holy work without regard to the sacrifice of any temporal thing - of personal liberty or even life itself - in order that they might be found faithful unto Him who had called them out of darkness into His Light, and had separated them for the defence of the Gospel. The spirituality of this dispensation was clearly opened to them, and while they bore a full and faithful testimony to the unspeakable mercy of God thro' Christ our Saviour in that He so loved the World that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but

have everlasting life, they felt and preached the necessity of a practical conformity to the precepts which He graciously promulgated for the government of mere, and were concerned to show forth in life and conversation the blessed fruit of the Spirit which is declared to be "love, joy, peace longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

This fruit was abundantly manifested amid varied trials and conflicts — and in the sufferings they endured in the support of the testimonies of Truth they were brought near together in the bonds of the Gospel, and were ready to suffer one for another — in stripes and imprisonments — so deep and so fervent was the love begotten in their hearts by the Spirit of Christ — Very tendering is the contemplation of the love of the brethren as thus exhibited in those early days, and our spirits have yearned for an experience of the same favored and happy state to which they attained.

As we trace the history of our religious Society we find from time to time that there were departures on the part of individuals who from the want of abiding in humility and watching unto prayer were estranged from their brethren and departed from the simplicity and purity of the truth as it is in Jesus — Hence there have arisen schisms and divisions among Friends at different periods in their history causing sorrow and mourning to the faithful members who were engaged to walk in the Light, and to abide under the direction of the good Shepherd whose voice they knew, and who was graciously pleased to lead them in a safe way and to preserve them from every danger — As we proceed in this review of our history to a time fresh in the memory of most of us, we are mournfully affected by a contemplation of the effects of a dividing spirit which was so fearfully developed and which led to separations in several of our Yearly Meetings of a most painful and dissolating character — In all these the cause is plainly to be found in a want of a humble abiding under, and adherence to the teachings of Christ — a neglect of which led to a departure from the simplicity of the Truth, and in numerous instances to a fearful divorce of the Lord that bought us. There can be no true unity but in a heartfelt belief in the way of Salvation thro' the means appointed by God in Christ Jesus our Lord — We must know our hearts cemented together by his love, and having no dependance on ourselves, or in any strength of our own, come to place our trust on Him who died for us on Calvary and who is set forth to be a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world — even in Him who died and rose again, and who ever liveth our Holy Intercessor and Mediator at the right hand of the Father — "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." "If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

It is the work of the unwearied adversary to scatter and divide, to sow the seeds of jealousy and discord among brethren. He is characterized as the accuser of the brethren, and when his insinuations are received into the heart we find ourselves deprived of that badge which distinguishes the followers of Christ — even of that love by the possession of which the Apostle declared "we know we have passed from death

unto life".

"We are now brought to contemplate the present condition of the religious Society of which we constitute a part - the preservation of which on primitive ground and in its pristine purity is an object of unspeakable interest to us - It is evident at this time that there is a want of that unity between some of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent which has already produced serious evils and embarrassments and which threatens consequences that are painful to anticipate. To remove these difficulties - to restore love and unity on substantial ground, is the object of our deep and earnest solicitude - We desire to speak of things as they exist in plain truthfulness, but in all the tenderness that an earnest concern for the prosperity of the Truth and the best interests of our beloved Society can inspire.

"The fact is well known that within a few years a secession took place in New England Yearly Meeting, at which time a small portion of their members separated themselves from the body of Friends, and attempted the organization of a Yearly Meeting - The several Yearly Meetings of Friends both in Europe and America, except those of Philadelphia and Ohio, continued to acknowledge, as hitherto, the Yearly Meeting of New-England, manifesting their unity with them by their usual epistolary correspondence and by extending to their members all the rights and privileges that appertain to the members of the Society of Friends, and refusing to recognise the secession. Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings (with the exception of the women's meeting of the latter body,) have not pursued this course, but have declined to receive any communication from New-England Yearly Meeting, and have suspended their epistolary correspondence with it. They have refused to acknowledge their Ministers or to recognise that Yearly Meeting in the usual order of our religious Society.

"Their subordinate Meetings have in various instances refused to issue or receive removal certificates, thus abridging the rights of membership and seriously affecting the harmony of the whole body of Friends. The difficulties arising from this anomalous and unprecedented state of things in which the provisions of the discipline of our Society are disregarded, are increasing, and unless removed cannot fail to produce consequences that are fearful to contemplate.

"It is not for us to enter into a review of the disciplinary proceedings of New-England Yearly Meeting - they belong exclusively to itself and have not been called in question by the Meetings we represent, nor by those of London and Ireland - We think it proper however for us to state that we believe there is a sincere desire with that body to act under the influence of restoring love towards those who have withdrawn from it; and we trust as this feeling prevails and is received as it is offered to those who have separated themselves from Friends that with the divine blessing, many may be again restored to the bosom of Society.

"We confidently believe that ~~the~~ New-England Yearly Meeting would not fail to receive, and give due place to any suggestions or counsel that might in right order be offered to them; and should any Yearly Meeting either through an Epistle or by the appointment of a delegation of Friends, feel drawn to communicate to them any advice that might tend to the prosperity of Truth, we doubt not it would be cordially accepted

"We are comforted in the belief that the body of Friends represented in this conference

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has through unbounded mercy, been preserved in the faith of the Gospel in those essential doctines which were unwaveringly held by our Forefathers in religious profession. We see no evidence of any departure among us from the ancient concern of Friends on these subjects, and doubt not all would be united, notwithstanding our many weaknesses, in condemning any departure from that faith, in which Friends have so long been favored safely to walk.

In this view of the condition of our Society, the position of the two Yearly Meetings to which we have alluded, in relation to New-England is cause of deep regret and sorrow, involving as it does not only a breach of unity between themselves and that body but also necessarily, in a greater or less degree, interrupting the free current of Gospel love and loosening the bonds of fellowship between them and those Yearly Meetings which do unite with New-England. It is too evident that this work is already in progress. Feelings of alienation towards brethren heretofore beloved, are manifested - distrust and jealousy in too many instances, have taken the place of confidence and esteem - and the scattering and separating spirit is seen where once was the prevalence of unity and concord. We would, were we permitted to do so, in all the tenderness yet in the earnestness of true restoring love, not in the spirit of dictation, but of persuasion, appeal to Friends in the two Yearly Meetings alluded to, and entreat them by their interest in the welfare of their own members - by their regard for the cause of Truth, and the prosperity of our religious Society - by their love of our Holy Redeemer - to put away from among them all that separates, and again come into that unity which formerly existed, and is now so seriously interrupted. We believe, nay, we are entirely persuaded, there is nothing now existing in our Society to justify their present position - nothing that should interrupt the ancient practices and the friendly relations that formerly existed between all the Yearly Meetings of Friends. Most earnestly do we desire to plead for the restoration of that brotherly love which once subsisted, and which is entirely essential to our prosperity as a branch of the Church of Christ -

To this Conference it appears entirely evident that for the accomplishment of what we so ardently desire, the Yearly Meeting of New-England should be recognised by Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings - the epistolary correspondence between them again be resumed - ministers travelling in the discharge of their high duties be received as in former days, and the rights of membership accorded to those who have not forfeited them in their respective monthly meetings, while the decisions of these Meetings in regard to those who have been disowned from religious fellowship should be respected. A want of unity with a Yearly Meeting to an extent affecting the common privileges of individual members, while this unity is maintained and these privileges are accorded to them by the great body of Friends, cannot long exist, and the Society continue one people.

If we could approach our friends of these Yearly Meetings, we would call their attention affectionately but solemnly to the consequences which we think they must see are impending. We would entreat them to unite with all the other Yearly Meetings in pursuing that course which has been indicated, and which we believe can alone prevent results that would be deeply to be deplored.

The subject is a momentous one, and it is with the Friends of these two Yearly Meetings to determine whether the consequences which appear inevitable are to be endured by us all, or whether they shall happily be averted and we continue as in ancient days, a united people, strengthening and edifying one another, and manifesting to the world an instructive evidence of the spirituality of the Gospel dispensation, and of the practical realities of the religion of Jesus as professed by our Forefathers in the Truth

We have also been brought into deep sympathy with those who feel the present state of things to be peculiarly oppressive to them — who mourn for the desolations of Zion, and yet see no way in which her waste places can be restored, or the breaches in her walls rebuilded. To these we would offer the language of encouragement yet a little longer to abide in patience trusting in the Lord. We would exhort them to cultivate towards their brethren the spirit of love, and to exercise abundantly that charity that thinketh no evil, and that hopeth all things. The consolations of the Gospel are sufficient for every humble follower of Christ, and as we abide in Him, He will not fail to sustain and to keep us. In this concern we are engaged for the members of all the Yearly Meetings. Let us abide in quiet and in steadfast adherence to our Discipline and the good order of the Church not seeking to provide by temporary expedients for the removal of any difficulties that may arise under our present afflicted condition.

To our beloved young friends, we are aware that this is a season of peculiar trial and discouragement — and we would most affectionately call upon these to remember that the Truth changeth not. Forsake not we beseech you the straight forward and plain path in which our fathers walked, and be not turned from your allegiance unto Christ by any shifts of devices — to Him we are to render our final account and blessed be His name, He has graciously promised to those who confess Him before men, that He will confess them before his Father and the holy angels. Leave not we entreat you the safe enclosure — abide in patience and in hope — keep fast hold of the shield of faith — adhere steadfastly to the Truth in its simplicity, and let the work of Christ in your own hearts have free course — so will your peace abound. "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls".

This Conference has deeply regretted that the two Yearly Meetings to which we have referred are not here represented. The invitation was affectionately extended to them to unite in this measure with all the other Yearly Meetings, under a hope that thereby we might be brought near together, and prove helpful one to another. They are our brethren in a common faith, and in the support of the same testimonies of Truth, and ardently do we desire that the connection existing between us may never be broken — but that we may be enabled in truth to say, One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren.

In those Yearly Meetings that appointed us we cannot doubt that the course they have pursued in accordance with the Discipline and good order of the Society in relation to the secession in New-England has proved preserving to their own members — and it is hoped that they will solidly consider the present situation of our religious Society

and seeking the direction & best wisdom, should they apprehend any further duty yet remains for them to perform towards their brethren, that they will be faithful in the discharge of it.

We have believed that the following portion of the document prepared by the United Committees of New-England, New-York, Baltimore, Virginia, North-Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings in 1833, and adopted by those several bodies may again be profitably spread before our Yearly Meetings, viz.:

"In regard to the selling up and laying down of Yearly Meetings, and what may be necessarily connected with such transactions, we apprehend there is a general opinion throughout the Society, that some regulations touching these objects are demanded. We think no doubt that it is the prevailing sentiment in the different Yearly Meetings, that the body of the Society, should be, in some way, consulted on such occasions. If therefore it should be found that the subject has so long rested on the minds of Friends as to have ripened into a conclusion, that no single Yearly Meeting should take a step of so much importance. if Friends are prepared (which we have no doubt is the case) when a Yearly Meeting is impressed with the belief that it would be proper for it to be divided, or for its own character as a Yearly Meeting to cease, to communicate this prospect to the other Yearly Meetings, and invite their participation in the concern - we do not apprehend that any injury will arise from our not proposing the manner, in which that assistance may be afforded. The several Yearly Meetings so invited will exercise their own discretion and freedom, whether to participate in the consideration or not, or whether in rendering their fraternal assistance, to do it by written communications or by Committees to meet at the Yearly Meeting concerned, or elsewhere."

And now dear friends, in conclusion we would commend us all to the Holy Keeping of our Heavenly Father. Let us abide in humility, and in single dependence upon Him, watching unto prayer. A state of humility is the only state of safety, and they that put their trust in the Lord shall not be confounded" - For thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the High and Holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the hearts of the contrite ones".

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Conference,

Baltimore, Md. 8th of 5th month 1851 — Elijah Coffin, Clerk."

The Committee on the correspondence made the following Report, viz: -

"The Committee on the correspondence, who were desired to consider the propriety of at this time, addressing Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, have met and solidly and deliberately weighed the subject.

We believe it was in the ordering of unerring wisdom that the intercourse between the different Yearly Meetings of Friends by epistolary correspondence was first commenced, and that it is the mind of truth, that, under the influence of Gospel love, it should be continued. We read in the scriptures that - "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it: and a book of remembrance was

written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

The Churches of Christ in very early days, maintained an intercourse one with another, and were strengthened to be helpful one to another, and were one another's joy and rejoicing in the Lord.

We believe it will be right for us to endeavour to maintain a practice so much in accordance with these precepts, and way has opened to prepare Essays of Epistles to each of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, which we herewith present.

On behalf of the Committee,

Rowland Greene,
Thomas Anthony.

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And the Essays of the Epistles to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio being read and fully approved, the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Friends again met.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were now laid before us and read - and the proceedings of that meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory, and approved by this Meeting - and the friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Jonathan Dennis, deceased, are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on our behalf according to the original design and organisation of that Meeting, for the ensuing year.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed a regulation of Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, (the subject having been referred to that Meeting by this Meeting last year) it claimed our solid consideration, and was referred for further deliberation to our next sitting.

The Committee on the subject of changing the place of holding this Meeting, made the following Report, viz: -

"To the Yearly Meeting -

The Committee on the Removal of the Yearly Meeting, Report - That we have duly considered the subject submitted to us, and we believe that the time has so nearly arrived for changing the place of holding the Yearly Meeting, that it may be safe for the Meeting to appoint a Committee to look after a location for that purpose.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Jones, Clerk.

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Which is satisfactory, and our friends Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Seres Peck, Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Stephen A. Chase, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas W. Thorndike, Samuel Boyce, George Rowland, John Rowland Edmund Gardner, Moses D. Rogers, David K. Atkin, Nathan Tope, Samuel Jones,

Joshua Douglas, John W. Minot, Abram Winslow, Samuel H. Colton, John E. Fry, Edward Earle, Edward Foster, John Osborne, John D. Lang, Edmund Gates, Joseph Taber, Allen Poir, Stephen Jones, Jacob R. Purington, Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Burgess, Isaiah Reader, Samuel Dennis, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Taylor, Winslow Hawkes and David Douglas, are appointed to look after a suitable location, estimate the necessary expense connected with a removal, and report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.- Elizabeth Wing, Hannah Gould, Jr., Miriam Newhall, Mary E. Reed, Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Eunice J. Rich, Lydia H. Jones, Ruth Fry, Lydia K. Kelly, Elizabeth S. Taber, Ann Jones, Hannah G. Sawyer, Abigail M. Canson, Lydia Taylor, Sarah T. Sampson.]

In the Report from Salem Quarterly Meeting, is the following proposition, viz:

"The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting held in the 5th month, having claimed our serious consideration, it was concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that our Quarterly Meeting held in that month should in future be held at Amesbury, instead of Seabrook; it being believed that benefit would result from such a change. The Women's Meeting uniting herein."

-which with the concurrence of the Women's Yearly Meeting is united with, and it is accordingly directed that that Quarterly Meeting in the 5th month shall in future be held at Amesbury - and the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi made the subjoined report, which with the documents accompanying it from the Superintendents of the Shawnese establishment of Friends was satisfactory and interesting to us - and our Committee is continued under appointment and requested to report to this Meeting next year - and Friends are encouraged to contribute in their freedom pecuniary aid as suggested to the committee, for the benefit of this establishment, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi - report,

That they have given attention to the object of their appointment. The funds collected at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, together with some additional subscriptions received subsequently, were forwarded by one of the Committee to Thomas Wells Superintendent of the Shawnee School, the receipt of which, was gratefully acknowledged and encouraging information has from time and time, been received of the progress and prosperity of the establishment; in a recent account from the Superintendent, it appears they are laboring under embarrassment from the want of some pecuniary aid to enable them to erect a barn and some out buildings for the better securing of their crops; for a more detailed account of which, reference may be had to the letter which accompanies this report.

Although this establishment is not under our immediate care, yet as this Meeting

has for several years manifested a living interest in the welfare of this poor, depressed, suffering remnant of a once numerous people, we would recommend a continuance of this interest, and suggest to our friends the propriety of rendering them further assistance in this their time of need.

Which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Taylor, Jr.,
John D. Lang.

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The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting in relation to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians - Report,

That the subject has from time to time, claimed our very serious attention. We have been desirous to fix on some measures for future operations that if steadily pursued, should result in some more permanent benefit to them: as experience has shown, that the assisting them in building, has not quite answered the desired object of arresting their roving habits and turning their attention to the arts of husbandry, on which account it has of late been thought advisable for the present, at least, to withhold further assistance to them in that way, and still labor to cultivate feelings of love and friendship with them in which every right opening may be embraced to better their condition

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1851. Stephen Jones, on behalf of the Committee."

- which is satisfactory to us; and still feeling a concern to do what we can to promote the good of these people, we are united in continuing our Committee under appointment, and we desire their encouragement to do all that way opens for permanently to benefit these Tribes.

The Committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account make the following report, viz:

"The Committee appointed to settle the account of the Treasurer and for other purposes, have examined it and find in his hands, nine hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-eight cents.

We propose two thousand dollars as a suitable sum to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of David Buffum, for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

Newport, 6th. mo. 17th, 1851. William A. Robinson."

- which is accepted, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of $2000, the sum proposed by the Committee, and pay the same to David Buffum, who is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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Fifth day the 19th. the Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Representatives present, except five, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

This meeting being introduced into a deep concern for the welfare of our religious Society, and for its preservation on every hand, and being brought into near sympathy with those who may be laboring under discouragement in their small meetings, under a sense of their weakness, we have believed it right for us to separate a Committee to visit in love such of our subordinate meetings, families, or individuals, as way may open for, to labor in the ability that may be graciously afforded to strengthen the hands that hang down, to arouse the lukewarm and indifferent, and to encourage all to increased faithfulness in the performance of their various religious duties, and in the support of our Christian testimonies and discipline, and we appoint for this service our friends Rowland Greene, Thomas Anthony, Lemuel Gifford, Joseph Davis, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Joyce, John D. Lang. Timothy C. Collins, Samuel Taylor, Jr. Lindley M. Hoag, James Jones, Stephen Jones, Stephen A. Chase, Silas Peck, Nathan Douglas, David Dudley, Lemuel Jones, David Buffum, Benjamin H. Jones, Tobias Meader, Thomas Glover, Abraham Kipper, Edmund Gates, Elisha Jones, of Winnam, Abraham Davis, Joseph Tuglar, Isaac K. Gifford, Daniel Taber, Smith Bailey, John Osborne and Isaac Lawrence, who are desired to proceed in this work as Truth may direct, and report to this meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.— Mary B. Tamum, Rhoda Howland, Mary Shove, Elizabeth Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Mary C. Reed, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia R. Kelley, Miriam Newhall, Patience Swan, Elizabeth Peckham, Anna Gates, Ann Jones, Hannah Gould, Jr. Elizabeth A. Osborne, Lydia Taylor, Maria B. Jones, Ruth Sawyer, Hannah Morrill, Ruth Fry, Eunice L. Rich.]

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, made the following Report, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee of men and women Friends appointed to consider the subject of authorising the Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, to discontinue as way may open for it, the meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, and to provide for them to attend meetings for worship in Providence Report: That they have taken the subject into solid consideration, and they would recommend that the proposition in the Report of the Boarding School Committee in relation thereto, be adopted by the Yearly Meeting.

They would also propose that the Friends whose names are hereunto annexed be appointed a Committee for the Superintendence of the School for the coming year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Estes Newhall,
Ruth H. Baker."

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— which is satisfactory, and the Report of the School Committee is adopted, and the

Clerk directed to forward copies of it to our Subordinate Meetings - and the following friends are appointed on the part of this Meeting to unite with a similar Committee of the Woman's Meeting, for the encouragement and superintendence of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

Samuel Boyce Jr., Joseph C. Tobey, Nathan A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Grace Rotland, Jr., William C. Tabor, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Allen Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Elder Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rotland Greene, David Buffum, George Rotland, William A. Robinson, Jabez Congdon, Simeon C. Smith, Nathan Read d Lynn, David R. Aiken.

Committee Women's Meeting. - Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H. Tobey, Olivia C. Rives, Miriam M. Read, Rhoda Rotland, Jr., Mercy C. Thing, Lydia A. Jones, Jane C. Mott, Mary B. Hannum, Elizabeth C. Osborne, Anne Elmira Lang, Theodate D. Pope, Hannah D. Sawyer, Ruth H. Meader, Lucy S. Rawlins, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce Anne B. Earle, Lydia R. Kelly, Anna S. Dennis, Rachel J. Rowland, Mary E. Read, Susan Rotland, Mary Williams.]

The Committee on Education made the subjoined report, and it is satisfactory and interesting to us; manifesting, however, the necessity of increased efforts to educate our children more exclusively in select schools. The Committee are continued, and we desire their encouragement to persevere in the work for which they were originally appointed by this Meeting; and friends are exhorted increasingly to turn their attention to the interesting subject of giving their children a truly guarded and religious education; and where they are still in attendance of mixed schools, that parents endeavour to be careful that it does not interrupt their attendance of mid-week meetings. Joshua Douglas of Durham, Isaac Bowen of Rhode Island, and James McLaughlin of China Monthly Meeting, are added to the Committee.

"To the Yearly Meeting -

The Committee on Education Report - That since our organisation in the 6th month last, we have given some attention to the objects of our appointment, and held meetings in the 10th and 4th months, at the Boarding School at Providence, on which occasions some of our number witnessed the examinations at the School, which were interesting and satisfactory to us. At our meeting in the 10th month, it was concluded to issue Circulars to Committees of the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical information of the number of Friends' children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, and of the means provided for their education. We have, however, received answers from only twenty-four Monthly Meetings, leaving six from which no report has been obtained.

From the reports received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children (in 24 Monthly Meetings) between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	- -	1102
" Children between 16 and 21 years,	- -	462
" of Monthly Meeting Schools	- - - - - -	1
" Preparative Meeting Schools		1
" Family Schools.		4

Number of Friends' Children attending Friends' Schools, — — 165
" Friends' Children attending Mixed Schools, — — 1018
" First Day Schools, under the control of Friends, — — 16
" Children attending such Schools — — — — 533
" Children who are members of our Society, — — 374

Our several meetings held at this place have been largely attended, and while the Reports show but little increase in the number of Children who are obtaining a literary education in select schools, yet the increasing interest manifested by Friends in different localities, for a faithful discharge of duty in the moral and religious training of their beloved offspring, as well by means of First Day Schools, several of which have been established during the year, and are now in successful operation, as by the practice, which we believe is becoming more general amongst us, of daily collecting the family circle for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures in a weighty and becoming manner, has been cause of encouragement to us, and we are induced to believe that many Friends are becoming aroused to the importance of endeavouring, by every means in their power to guard against the injurious influence which associations in mixed schools must exert upon the tender and susceptible minds of their Children.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas S. Gifford, Assistant Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851."

The proposition of a regulation of Discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, being now again brought before us, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with by this Meeting, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, is adopted and established as Discipline — and the Clerk is directed to have it printed in suitable form and furnished to subordinate meetings, to be by them inserted in the Book of Discipline, and to go into effect when the meetings shall have received a copy of the same. It is as follows:—

"Instead of the paragraph commencing on the 78th page with the words "As these are Officers, &c." and ending on the 79th page with the words "case of Elders," in the edition of the printed discipline of 1849. — the following paragraphs be substituted, viz.:

In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed — Whenever it shall appear on solid consideration to any Monthly Meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in such Monthly Meeting is right and proper, the Monthly Meeting are to appoint a Committee to consider of a suitable friend as rightly qualified for that station. The Monthly Meeting both of men and women uniting therein. When said Committee are united in judgment, that any friend is rightly qualified for such station, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join with them in considering the subject, without communicating the name or names of the friends proposed. The Quarterly Meeting shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's meeting uniting therein: and if the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting so appointed shall advise thereto, the Committee of the Monthly Meeting shall propose such friend or friends to their Monthly Meeting; and after the Monthly Meeting have approved such, a minuting

them duly anointed and qualified for that service, as they are officers of the Church at large, at them acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who after waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and the friend or friends so appointed, may then sit in any of our Meetings of Ministers & Elders. Information of such appointments is to be given by the Quarters to the select Quarterly Meetings, and by each of the Quarters Meetings to the Yearly Meeting, and the names of the friends appointed are to be entered on the minutes of the select Quarterly Meetings and on the Yearly Meeting's records.

And where any friend appears in public ministry, whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the Elders of the Monthly Meeting he or she belongs to, or in case the Quarterly Meeting shall have joined the select members of two or more Monthly Meetings into one Meeting, then the Elders of such Meeting,) are convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, after duly waiting for due proof thereof, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to unite with them in considering the same, who shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's Meeting uniting therein, and if said Committee of the Quarterly Meeting shall advise thereto, the Elders of the Monthly Meeting or of the Select Meeting to which the select members of such Monthly Meeting may belong, shall signify their unity with the gift of such friend in the ministry to the Monthly Meeting, who after weighty seeking after the mind of truth therein and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same be entered and sent forward, in like manner as in the case of Elders."

The Clerk of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders informed us that our beloved friend Joyce Jones has been liberated to pay a visit in gospel love to Friends, and some not in profession with us, in Great Britain and Ireland, to some parts of the continent of Europe, and if way should open for it, to extend the visit to some places on the western coast of Africa, particularly to Sierra Leone, and the Republic of Liberia, and some of the adjacent Islands, and to a few of the West India Islands, and that our beloved friend Eli Jones has been liberated to accompany his wife in this religious engagement.

In view of the extent of the proposed visit, the Meeting for sufferings is requested to afford its aid to our dear friends in making such provision as may be needed in its accomplishment.

A Testimony of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, approved by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Royal Southwick, was read, and being satisfactory, it is directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning the 20th. the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except four.

A memorial from China Monthly Meeting approved by Vagalvard Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Martha D. Rodges, was read at this time, and being approved by us it is directed that it be recorded. The reading of this testimony has brought our late dear friend very sweetly to our remembrance.

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A Memoir concerning our friend Elizabeth M. Meader, was read, and is satisfactory — and believing that usefulness may result from the publication of the documents of this character received by us at this time, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of them to be printed and placed within the reach of Friends.

In the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting addressed to us this year, we are informed that the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates and other documents, viz:

Benjamin C. Diggs for White River Monthly Meeting in New Garden Quarter, in place of Amos Peacock, deceased — address, Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana.

John H. Bond for Poplar Run Monthly Meeting, same quarter, in place of Davis Meeker, removed — address, Macksville, Randolph County, Indiana.

Enoch Moon for Greenfield Monthly Meeting in Western Quarter, in place of Charles Stanton, who is released at his request, address, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

David Hadley for Rush Creek Monthly Meeting in the same quarter — address, Sylvania, Park County, Indiana.

Joseph D. Hoag for East Grove Monthly Meeting in Salem Quarter, — address, East Grove Henry County, Iowa.

William Tickel for Hurkles Creek Monthly Meeting, Union Quarter, address, Pennsfield, Hamilton County, Indiana.

William Reese for Vermilion Monthly Meeting, Western Quarter, in place of Richard Haworth, deceased — address, Ridge Farm, Vermilion County, Illinois.

The Committee appointed for that purpose produced certificates for our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey, which were credited, united with by a very general expression of friends and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

They are as follows, viz:

" To Brighouse Monthly Meeting, York Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London —

Dear Friends,

Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm attended this Meeting in the year 1847 and presented satisfactory certificates from your several Meetings. He also attended this Meeting in 1848 and 1849, and is now again very acceptably with us and has informed us that he believes the time has nearly come when he shall be released from this field of Gospel labor, and be permitted to return to his dear family and friends in your land —

During the course of his extensive religious service in this country, he has visited nearly all the meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting; and we believe it right to inform you that his labors, in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, have been truly satisfactory, confirming and edifying. Full evidence has been afforded, that he has, from time to time, witnessed the anointing of the Holy Spirit, whereby he has been qualified rightly to divide the word of Truth, and to set forth in life and power the unsearchable riches of Christ. His deportment and conversation have been consistent with his high

calling, evincing a close walk with God, and we feel united to him in the fellowship of the Gospel.

In now bidding him farewell we commend him to the guardian care and protection of the Good Shepherd, who has been pleased, as we believe, very mercifully to watch over and preserve him during his sojourn among us, with fervent desires that he may be restored in safety to you, with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him."

"To Wrightsons Monthly Meeting, York Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in London —

Dear Friends,

Our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, as companion to our friend Benjamin Seebohm, attended this Meeting in the year 1847, and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings. He also attended this Meeting in 1848 and 1849 and is again very acceptably with us at the present time, and apprehends that he may soon be released from his present religious engagement and permitted to return to his dear family and friends in his native land.

We believe it right to inform you that he has been among us in much watchfulness and circumspection — that he has exercised the precious gift in the ministry which has been committed to him, to our comfort and edification — and that his deportment and conversation have been exemplary and instructive, evincing his having partaken largely of the love of the Gospel of Christ, and manifesting his abiding concern to keep very near to his divine Master.

In now parting with him we fervently commend him to the continued protecting care of the Shepherd & Bishop, with earnest desires that he may be restored in safety to his home in the sweet enjoyment of the peace which Christ giveth."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute (prepared by the Committee) for our friend Daniel Wood, and similar minutes for our friends James Carr, James Jordan, Mirca Adams, Sarah C. Hawxhurst, Deborah C. Kinsdale, Abigail M'Connell and Rachel Rathaway, viz:

"Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Caleb Rathaway, and minutes of similar import for our friends Simon D. Harvey, Iona Butler, Maria Willets and Mary H. Harvey, viz:

"Our beloved friend Caleb Rathaway attended this meeting as companion to his wife Rachel Rathaway. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana were now presented and read, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of the minutes of this Meeting for the

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present year to be printed and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings for the use of Friends.

The Clerk is authorised to make any necessary extracts from our minutes not already provided for and sign them on our behalf.

The various important concerns that have engaged the attention of this Yearly Meeting being now satisfactorily disposed of, and having been favored as we trust, to witness the ancient wing of divine Goodness to be mercifully spread over us, with feelings of close unity and love, we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held in Rhode-Island from the 15th to the 20th inclusive of the Sixth Month 1851 - to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:-

To the Yearly Meeting of London-

Dear Friends,

We have received your truly acceptable epistle of 1850, and that of the present year, which came to hand seasonably, both of which have been read in our Meeting to our comfort and encouragement. We have also read with much interest and instruction the epistle which you last year addressed to the junior members of your Yearly Meeting; and believing the contents of this address were calculated to be useful among us to this interesting class as well as others, we have directed it printed for general circulation among our members.

The words of our blessed and holy Redeemer to his immediate followers, "in the world ye shall have tribulation", are found to be true by his disciples in every age. These tribulations arise often from the outward circumstances in which the humble christian may find himself placed, and from the trials with which he is surrounded. The world, with its allurements, its cares and its limitations, stands in opposition to the spiritual progress of the soul, - and the natural and unregenerate heart of man is too prone to cling to these cares, and to be carried away by these allurements and temptations. "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be". We have been encouraged by the gracious words of the Saviour: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." To this Savior, and to his strength and power, must every afflicted soul look for deliverance. May we not feel the strong assurance, that, according to his gracious promise, as we humbly and sincerely rely on Him, we shall experience this deliverance:- Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God." How appropriate then, and befitting creatures

such as we are, is the prayer: "Lord increase our faith," "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief": This faith, which "is the substance of things hoped for", and "the evidence of things not seen," is the gift of God. We cannot command it by any power or might of our own. We can only look inwardly unto Him, in humble hope, that He will enable us availingly to believe on Him. "With the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation."

We have greatly desired that our faith and confidence in the arm of His eternal power may be increased; that so in His might we may witness an overcoming of all our spiritual enemies, and come to be partakers of the experience of the apostle when he said, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." In this experience of a heart renewed by grace, all the Christian virtues will shine forth. Love to God for his unutterable mercy, will produce love to our fellow-men; towards whom the christian virtues of affection and kindness and the spirit of the Gospel which breathes peace on earth, and good-will to men, will be manifested.

We have, at this time, as we humbly trust, been made partakers, though all unworthy of this rich blessing, of the cementing influence of the Gospel of Christ, whereby we have been brought very near one unto another; and an enlargement of heart towards our brethren of the same religious faith everywhere, has been witnessed among us. You, dear friends, have been brought very near to us, and your christian sympathy and brotherly love, have been felt to be precious and strengthening to us.

In transacting the various concerns of the Church, which have, at this time, claimed our attention, we have been favoured with much harmony and brotherly condescension — and, as some of these, have led us to the consideration of our duties towards our brethren of other Yearly Meetings, we have greatly desired to be preserved in the true feeling of that charity, of which an Apostle thus speaks: "Charity suffereth long and is kind, charity envieth not, charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth: beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

The wrongs and sufferings of the people of African descent, in our own country, as well as elsewhere, have been among the subjects upon which our attention has been engaged — and a fresh and renewed concern has been felt, and expressed among us, that our ancient testimony against slavery may be increasingly upheld by us all; and that Friends in their various allotments, as well within the sphere of their individual influence as in that of a branch of the Church of Christ may steadily maintain, on true Christian ground, our entire and heart-felt disapprobation of the system, and of all those measures and usages which follow in its train; and while we should be careful to observe with fidelity those Christian views, ever held by us, in regard to the laws of the country in which we live, as disciples of Him who declared that his kingdom was not of this world, else would his servants fight, we should be willing with cheerfulness to exemplify as occasion may call for it, towards this people the precept of Christ: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should

do to you do ye even so to them", and quietly submit ourselves to any amount of suffering which this cause may subject us to. In this way, we believe, our Friends most effectually hasten the blessed day, when the yoke of bondage now so heavily laid upon our brethren of this down-trodden race, shall be broken, and the oppressed be permitted to go free.

The scattered tribes yet remaining of the aboriginal inhabitants of this land, once its only possessors, and who, by the white man, are now most of them driven far into the western parts of the continent, with a few yet remaining within our borders, have also claimed our sympathy, and we have desired to do what we could, either by labor amongst them, or other assistance, to introduce them into the habits of civilised life, and by kindness and christian feeling, to recommend to them the precepts of that religion, designed to bless the whole human race.

The cause of education is yet felt to be a very vital interest among Friends. Our minds have been much interested that our members may be stirred up to consider the great responsibility under which they lie, to see to it, that the tender and susceptible minds of the young, may be early imbued with those great truths and holy precepts which our religion teaches and enjoins, and which are so essential to usefulness here, and happiness hereafter.

Our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Lindsey, from your Yearly Meeting, are again acceptably with us at this time.

And now, dear friends, in conclusion, "Peace be to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Assembled as we are in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have been renewedly made to feel our own weakness and nothingness; and have been humbled in realising the verification of the language of our blessed Savior, "Without me ye can do nothing." And we have gratefully to acknowledge, that he who hath promised to be strength in weakness, has in mercy condescended to be near, and to favor us with his love — To Him alone be all the praise.

Your acceptable epistle of last month, together with Epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, has been received and read at this time, to our comfort and encouragement. The Epistle of tender counsel and advice prepared by the Committee appointed to visit your meetings, and addressed to Friends in your land, has also been received and read, and believing that the instructive contents thereof would be useful to our members, we have directed it to be printed, and sent down to our subordinate meetings for distribution.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice that ability was granted for you thus to labor in the love of the Gospel. And may we not believe, as we enter upon and move in such service under the fresh anointing of the Head of the Church, even under the direction of Him, who, when he putteth forth his sheep, has promised to go before them, that we may be made instrumental in encouraging the heavy-hearted to lift up their heads in hope, and in stirring up the lukewarm and indifferent to faithfulness and dedication to the cause of Truth. We are all weak and prone to err - yet, we may all be helpful one unto another. Let us then be encouraged to continue to labor to build one another up in the most holy faith, and to become each others' strength and joy in the Lord. As we are thus engaged, may we not hope that our labors will not be in vain, but, that sooner or later, the fruit thereof will be apparent - that the waste places in our Zion will be builded up, and her breaches be repaired?

Humiliating is the reflection that we have all sinned, and come short of the glory of God. But how encouraging to the contrited is the assurance, that, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world". When, beloved friends, we are humbled under a sense of our fallen and undone condition; when we are bowed as in the dust, under the convictions of the Holy Spirit, for departing from the law of God, written in the heart, how precious is the promise, that, as we repent and forsake our sins, and in the obedience of faith, submit to the operations of divine grace, our Heavenly Father "is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," for the sake of his beloved Son.

To sincere followers of the Lamb, who are thus engaged, the blessed promises of the gospel, are indeed, glad tidings of great joy; being brought to witness, that they have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear - but that they have received the spirit of adoption, whereby they can cry, "Abba, Father!"

The subject of slavery continues to claim our serious consideration and deep concern. We most fully reciprocate the sentiment contained in your Epistle, that "the recent enactment of Congress, in relation to the capture of fugitive slaves, is deeply to be lamented. Under the embarrassment in which our members may be involved in consequence of this enactment, we are engaged to encourage them, while they faithfully observe the command of our Saviour, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," to endure patiently any suffering it may involve, while they firmly maintain our testimony to the peaceable nature of the Christian dispensation, by giving no aid, or countenance to violence or forcible resistance to these unrighteous laws.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Abbey Clerk

To Philadelphia:

Dear Friends,

The situation of our religious Society at the present time has claimed our serious consideration. We have been led to recur to its origin, when our worthy predecessors were separated from the world, and from the formalities of the professors of their day, and were, through the immediate teachings of the Holy Spirit, given to see the spirituality of the Gospel dispensation, and to embrace it in its fulness and in its purity. They were not only enlightened by Him who called them out of darkness, and manifested unto them His truth, but were abundantly qualified and strengthened to proclaim the Gospel of our Saviour, and to adhere to it under much persecution. We know that their sufferings were not in vain - but the Lord blessed them in their faithfulness; and we have been, at this time, comforted in the fresh remembrance, that He, who was their leader and preserver, changeth not - that His Truth is the same, and that His promises are yea and amen forever. In Christ their holy Head, our forefathers were brought near together - in Him have the members of the Church, in succeeding time, been drawn into close unity. In Him have they been enabled to rejoice together and to magnify his glorious name. In turning to you, dear friends, at this time, and seeking to know what is required at our hands, way has clearly opened again to salute you in love unfeigned - again to express to you our fervent desires for your preservation - again to offer you the hand of true brotherly regard and to invoke the blessing of Heaven upon you as upon ourselves. "Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" do we fervently commend us all.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting;

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends,

With feelings, we trust, of Christian affection we are again led to address you in answer to your truly acceptable epistle of the present year, and to express our desire that this mode of brotherly intercourse may remain uninterrupted between you and us. We believe it had its origin in the Truth, and that it has tended to strengthen those bonds of Gospel fellowship, which, as brethren of one common faith, and under our Holy Head, have hitherto closely united us.

We may thankfully acknowledge that the present has been a season of peculiar favor. The weak hands have been strengthened, and the feeble knees confirmed. The presence of the Great Master of assemblies has been sensibly felt, melting and uniting our hearts together. The company of concerned brethren from your and other Yearly Meetings, has been truly precious to us, and their labors of love among us, under the fresh anointing, as we reverently believe of our Great High Priest, have tended to

comfort, strengthen and encourage us, under the various trials and difficulties of the day.

Among these the condition of our suffering fellow creatures of the African Race, has excited our sympathy, and claimed our serious attention. The state of bondage in which so large a part of them are held, has, for a long period, been testified against by our Religious Society, as not only subversive of those rights, which it is the great object of civil government to secure, but also as directly opposed to the spirit and character of the religion of Christ, - a violation of that comprehensive precept, which is declared to include the law and the prophets: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them". The recent law for the recovery of fugitive slaves may place many of our Society in trying circumstances, and our concern is that our members may so act, that while they freely support our Christian testimony against slavery, they may also be preserved from a violation of our testimony to the peaceable nature of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and give no aid & countenance to violence or forcible resistance to the execution of the law. A minute embracing this concern was directed to be transmitted to the subordinate meetings.

Among the snares to which you and we, from our situation, are peculiarly exposed, is the inordinate pursuit of wealth - the desire to grow suddenly rich. The acquisition of a large extent of territory by the General Government, one of the fruits of the late iniquitous war with a neighbouring nation, and the discovery of gold therein, have held out temptations, by which some of our members, particularly among the young and enterprising, have been induced to leave their homes, their friends, and the benefits of our religious association, and jeopard their health and their lives in the uncertain pursuit of riches. Is not this dear friends, a subject that claims our serious attention?

In taking a survey of the state of society as brought into view by the answers to the Queries, although deficiencies continue to exist which are cause of exercise to the living members of the body, yet we are gratefully bound to acknowledge, that scattered here and there in our Yearly Meeting, the number is not small of those who are concerned to uphold the cause of Truth, and who endeavour to adorn their profession by a consistent life and conversation. And we believe that many of our tenderly visited youth, are, at times, brought deeply to feel the priceless value of their immortal souls, and their need of a Mediator and Intercessor with the Father of Spirits. Towards these our hearts have yearned with peculiar solicitude. Earnest have been our desires that they may by faithfulness to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit: "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

Our boarding school Committee made a satisfactory report; by which it appears that that Institution continues to answer in a considerable degree, the design of its founders. We believe that it had its origin in a concern arising from a just and enlarged view of the necessity of religious training for our beloved youth, in connexion with literary instruction, and of shielding them from many of the temptations to which they are exposed in mixed schools and from the corrupting influence of evil associates

in their respective neighborhoods. We would encourage you, dear friends, in a like concern. What can be more interesting to us than the right education of our children? We are sensible of great deficiencies in this respect; but we have the satisfaction to believe that there is an increasing sense of its importance amongst us, and on this account, we take a little courage amidst many causes of discouragement.

The Committee appointed by this meeting to unite with Committees of other Yearly Meetings at Baltimore reported attention to the service, and produced an Address from the Conference to the members of our Religious Society, which was read, deliberately considered, and united with, by a very general expression, without dissent. It was referred to the care of the Meeting for Sufferings, who were directed to have it printed and distributed, after it shall have received the sanction of all the Meetings represented.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the 10th month last, together with testimonials of a similar character from all the other Yearly Meetings of Friends except those of Philadelphia and Ohio, has been received at this time and read to our edification and comfort. And being again convened in this our Annual Assembly for the conducting of the affairs of the Church, we have been renewedly favored to feel, as we humbly trust, that the Master has been graciously pleased to be with us, enabling his servants rightly to divide the word to their brethren - qualifying with the spirit of judgment those who are called to sit in judgment, and making himself known in the breaking of bread to many seeking souls. Under a feeling sense of His unmerited mercies to us, poor, unworthy creatures as we are, we have been deeply humbled before him and afresh incited to greater devotedness of heart to his service, that we may shew our gratitude and love to Him our glorious Redeemer and Preserver.

Dear friends, the cause is indeed precious, and well worthy of the entire dedication of our hearts to its promotion. The harvest truly is still great and the labourers but few - may we join in the petition that the Lord would send forth more labourers into his harvest - and may we who are blessed with such abundant liberty and ease as to the outward, not suffer the cares of this life, nor the deceitfulness of riches, or the lusts of other things, so to choke the word that it become unfruitful

Our meeting, at this time, has been well attended; and we have also had the acceptable company of many dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, the savor of whose spirits has been refreshing to us. In the course of deliberations, much pertinent counsel has been imparted. We were admonished that if we loved God as we ought, we should not fail to present ourselves before him in the assembly

of his people, and thereby acknowledge our trust and dependence on his providence and our gratitude for favours conferred. Parents were encouraged to bring up their children to the diligent attendance of our meetings, and not suffer their business avocations a personal convenience to prevent the faithful discharge of duty. The daily perusal of the Holy Scriptures in our families when collected together as well as in private with the mind reverently turned to Him who can alone by his Spirit open the mysteries of the Kingdom and effectually apply the truths therein contained to our different states and conditions, was feelingly recommended, and we were encouraged to believe that this practice is increasingly observed among Friends of this Yearly Meeting.

The difficulties and trials which it was feared our members might be drawn into by the operation of the late law of Congress in respect to fugitive slaves claimed the attention of the meeting and resulted in the adoption of a minute earnestly advising friends, that while they were careful to maintain our testimony faithfully against slavery, and bore always in mind the injunction to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, without distinction of class or colour, that they should also be especially mindful that our testimony to the peaceable nature of the gospel dispensation be maintained in all its purity.

The situation of the School established by you in connection with the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana among the Shawnee tribe of Indians, was laid before our Meeting, and Friends were much interested by the statements given of its condition and the creditable progress of the pupils. A committee was appointed to receive subscriptions in aid of the concern.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf and by direction of the meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jolley Clerk

To North-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

We feel it to be a privilege, that, in the good order of our religious Society, we are permitted in this manner to address you. We have felt afresh, at this season, the salutary effects of an epistolary correspondence. We have realized that it is a means through which we are brought closely together, though remotely situated; and are enabled to express our sympathy, our unity, and our love, one for another. You, beloved friends, have been brought sweetly before us at this time, and, in the fresh flowings of the love of our Holy Redeemer, do we salute you as brethren - desiring if it may be so, to convey to you our earnest solicitude for your preservation and support, under the varied trials and discouragements to which you allude in your acceptable epistle to us, and which appear, at the present time, to be peculiarly your portion. It is when the potsherds of the earth strive together, and the angry passions of unregenerate men are suffered to manifest themselves, that the peaceable and gentle fruits of the Spirit are peculiarly

effective, and we are called upon to hold up to the view of those around us, the Standard of righteousness, exhibiting to them that, in the fear of Him whom we profess to follow, we are engaged to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Our concern is to strengthen your hands, dear friends, in the discharge of all your duties - that in simple reliance upon Christ, and looking unto Him for direction, your light may so shine among men, that they seeing your good works, may not only acknowledge them, but be led to glorify our Father who is in Heaven. We believe, that as you continue faithful in the support of our various testimonies against all that is evil, you will be as a City set upon a hill which cannot be hid. We are very sensible that there may be often a feeling of individual discouragement, and a desire to escape from the furnace in which you feel yourselves to be placed - yet may you, and may we, all remember, that, as we abide patiently in our varied allotments, as we look confidingly unto Him who heareth the petitions of His dependent children, with whom is all power and who is mighty to save, we have nothing to fear - that His almighty arm will be extended to preserve and to strengthen us - that He will keep us from the strife of tongues, and permit no evil to befall us, and, in the end, will acknowledge us as faithful servants, and grant unto us a blessed inheritance. Accept then from us not only the language of sympathy, but of encouragement - We too feel the effects of the stringent laws that have been enacted, the execution of which conflicts with the universal law of Christ that "all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" - and are engaged to recommend to all our members to be faithful in the observance of this divine law - and that we endure patiently any suffering or penalty that may be inflicted upon us in the support of it. We have believed that the Society of Friends, in the slave-holding states have exerted, and are eminently exerting an influence for good - and that, as you continue faithful, great will be your reward - sweet the peace which you will witness. Your allusion to your Boarding School, and to the usefulness which it has already produced within your borders, has been interesting to us. We cannot doubt that the religious concern which you feel in the right training of your youth will be blessed, and that way will be made for you in the accomplishment of this very important work -

We thankfully acknowledge that our present Yearly Meeting, has, we believe been owned by Him who is Head over all things unto His Church. We have been enabled to take sweet counsel together, and a little fresh courage. Your sympathy of late time has been peculiarly precious to us amid our trials - and we have felt that in unity there is strength.

With the salutation of love we are your brethren -

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

P.S. Our Committee to unite in conference with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, was released from further service at the present time.

To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

We offer you the salutation of Gospel love, and greet you as brethren. We believe that our worthy predecessors in religious faith and profession were raised up and qualified of the Lord to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to a lost and fallen world, and to teach the doctrine of the spiritual equality of all men before God, as to their estate by nature, fallen, degenerate and dead, and as to the means which in unutterable mercy God hath provided for their deliverance through the coming, sufferings and death, glorious resurrection, ascension and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ - and as to the blessed appearance and operation of the Holy Spirit, which proceedeth from the Father and the Son, in the heart of every man, convicting of sin, leading to repentance and to faith in the Son of God. This is the faith which works by love and purifies the heart. We are brethren as professors of the same doctrines of Truth - We are alike engaged to support the same precious testimonies. Let us then love one another with a pure heart fervently.

We humbly trust and thankfully believe, that, in this our Yearly Meeting, we have witnessed of the tendering and life-giving presence of the master of assemblies, the great and gracious head of the church, so that we can in sincerity and truth, say that our hearts have been enlarged towards you, and all our brethren of the different Yearly Meetings, with earnest desires that, as we have a common faith, a common hope in the Gospel, we may have, more and more, a common feeling of oneness and brotherly love; that we may witness the fulfilment and granting of that memorable prayer of the Apostle for the early Church at Ephesus, "that he would grant you, according to the riches of his grace, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge."

We are reminded by the events of every passing year of the uncertainty of our lives, and how swiftly we are passing through our pilgrimage here, to a state of eternal fixedness in a world to come. Many of our dear friends with whom we have been accustomed to take sweet counsel, have gone to their long homes; of some of these, (the loss of whom to the Church militant we have had quite recently to mourn) the remembrance is very precious; believing that, having fought the good fight and kept the faith, they have received the crown immortal. We doubt not you may have similar cause both of mourning and rejoicing - and may we both, you with us, and we with you, be animated to follow such as these in that pathway of righteousness, wherein "being made free from sin, and become servants to God, we may have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life", for "the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord." We remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerks

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To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

You have been brought affectionately to our remembrance at this time. Your acceptable Epistle of last year has been read in our meeting, furnishing a fresh evidence of the value and importance of these epistolary communications. How precious it is for distant brethren to be brought near in spirit, and a living interest to be raised in the heart for the welfare and prosperity of each other, and the advancement of Truth and Righteousness in the earth.

Having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts, how are we concerned to walk in the light as He is in the light, and to have fellowship one with another, to know the blood of Jesus Christ His Son to cleanse from all sin. In His Church there are many members, yet but one body, and whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored all the members rejoice with it.

Your kind and christian sympathy towards us, in our late trials in the separation of a few members from our religious body, has been consoling and strengthening, and altho' some of these trials seem to be measureably passed away - yet it behoves us to be still upon the watch, having our loins girded and our lights burning; holding forth the inviting language: "Come ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

We have been especially desirous that such language may be held forth to those who have separated themselves from us, as will induce them to return to the unity of the Church, to come and partake with us of those blessings designed to flow from true Christian fellowship. Christ is not divided; his body is one, one in feeling, one in faith. How discouraging then to the honest inquirer after truth, are divisions and separations among his professed followers! How painful to the body and how great the loss to those who through unwatchfulness suffer themselves to become alienated from their brethren, and letting in the murmurer, the eye that watches for evil, lose that precious unity and fellowship so essential to the welfare of the Church of Christ.

Our meeting has been large, and has, as we trust, been graciously owned by the Great Head of the Church. Several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings have been acceptably with us. Our hearts have been contrited together in a fresh sense of his tender mercies in thus owning us, unworthy as we are, so that many among us have been ready to adopt the language of the Psalmist, What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits towards us.

The deficiencies brought to view by the answers to the queries, introduced our meeting into deep exercise of spirit, and much salutary counsel and advice have been imparted by concerned brethren, tending to stir up to greater diligence and faithfulness in our various religious duties; that daily bearing the cross of Christ, we may thereby maintain inviolate our Christian testimonies to the honor of Truth, and our own peace.

We have a goodly number of our young friends present. In their sober departure

we are encouraged to believe that many of them are under the preparing hand of the Lord for usefulness in the Church. We tenderly regard such and desire their encouragement, with a hope that nothing may be permitted to mar the work on the wheel. And while we feel for this cause amongst ourselves, we with equal interest turn towards those in the earlier walks of life among you, many of whom as we are informed by your Epistle, were in attendance at your late Yearly Meeting. We desire that these dear young people may be encouraged in an early sacrifice, and in a life of dedication which is well pleasing unto the Lord, that there may be a succession of Standard-bearers in the Church to shew forth His praise.

Your long continued concern and labor for the education and christianization of the poor Indians, and your efforts for the best interests and relief of the colored population within your borders, have claimed our tender sympathy, and raised a desire in many hearts for your encouragement in these labors of Christian benevolence. May you not be weary in well doing, for in due time ye shall reap if ye faint not

The lively interest manifested by you for the religious and guarded education of your youth; and for the establishment of Libraries, and circulation of books inculcating our Christian principles, is calculated to do much good. May the Lord keep you in this, and in every good word and work, is the prayer of our hearts

And now, dear brethren, farewell! May the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever, Amen."

We remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 13th; and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning the 14th of sixth month, 1852.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Rowland Greene, John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, David Shove, Thomas Anthony, Timothy G. Collins, Edmund Chase and Samuel Boyd Tobey.

" Salem — Nathan Bond, Jr. Lynn, Micajah C. Pratt, William Rigby, Jun^r., Daniel Pace 3^d, Samuel Boyce, Esek Hazard and Joshua Page.

" Sandwich — Benjamin Potter, John W. Gifford, Isaac N. Gifford, Thomas R. Tucker, Joseph Wing, Herman Crocker, David Kelly and Moses H. Rogers.

" Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, John W. Minot, Joshua Douglas, Jesse Crossman, Elisha Jones, Samuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, and Henry M. Minot.

" Smithfield — Paul Mowry, Smith Bailey, John Greene, John E. Fry and Edward Foster.

" Vassalboro' — Elisha Jones, Samuel Hoag, Hartwell H. Jenkins, Charles B. Coates, Joseph H. Pratt, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Edmund Coates and John Wirth.

" Dover — Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader and Isaiah Fry.

" Fairfield — Reuben Jones, Alden Sampson, Allen Wing, Daniel Shepherd, Samuel Taylor, Jr. and David Douglas.

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for the absence of whom sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Daniel Baker, from Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, North Carolina; Harvey Derbyshire, from Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Charles Taber, from Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, Canada East; Seneca Hazard, from Harrisburg Monthly Meeting, Tennessee; Edith Griffith from Westland Monthly Meeting, within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting, Penn.; Elizabeth K. Frisk, from Peru Monthly Meeting, held at Ausable, N. York; and of Eliza Brewer, from Leeds Monthly Meeting, Canada West, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Jonah Sands and his wife Jonah Sands, riders of Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Virginia; Joseph Austin, of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, North Carolina companion to our

friend Daniel Parker; Jesse Kenworthy, from Westland Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, companion to our friend Edith Griffith; David Gardner, of Leeds Monthly Meeting, in company with his wife, as companion to our friend Eliza Brewer; and of Paul Southwick, from Penn Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend Charles Taber. Satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings were read.

The London printed Epistle for 1851 was read, and the excellent advice and doctrine contained therein were truly acceptable and edifying to us; and desiring that Friends generally within our limits may be profited by its perusal, and commending it to their careful attention, we appoint William C. Taber and George Howland, Jr., to cause 3,500 copies to be printed and distributed in the usual proportions among our several Monthly Meetings, and to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the cost.

We have united truly acceptable Epistles from our friends of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings, giving evidence of that brotherly love and unity which we highly value, and which should ever exist with those who are engaged in the promotion of the same holy cause, and who look unto the one alone Head for direction and for strength.

The following friends are appointed to prepare, as way opens for it, and present at a future sitting, essays of communications to those several meetings, viz: Rowland Greene, John D. Lang, John Meader, Stephen M. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Caleb Jones, Silvas Meader, Jewett Hoxie, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Samuel Jones, Moses H. Beede, Richard Batty, Thomas Anthony, Joseph M. Cole, John C. Hoy, John Osborne, David Kirkman, Joseph Davis, Lindley M. Hoag, Joshua Page, Isaac K. Tifford, Charles K. Tucker, David Buffum, Thomas Hawkings, Benajah Buffum, Gilbert Congdon, Perez Peck and Alden Sampson.

We are again brought to the necessity of recording that we have received no Epistles from our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings. This meeting is introduced into solemn and deep feeling in view of this painful fact and the situation of Friends, both within and beyond our limits, in relation to these two Yearly Meetings; and under a weighty sense of responsibility, and with living desires for right direction, we appoint the following friends to take the subject into solid and careful consideration, and seeking to know the mind of Truth therein, to report their judgment to a future sitting of this meeting, viz: Rowland Greene, John Meader, David Buffum, Thomas Jones, Allen Wing, Isaac Lawrence, Moses H. Beede, Thomas Anthony, Smith Batty, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Tifford, Estes Newhall, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chase, Stephen M. Chase, Isaac K. Tifford, Lindley M. Hoag, William C. Taber, William Tucker, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Dame, James Jones, Moses Taber, Joseph Taylor, Nathan Douglas, Benjamin Hoy, Samuel Boyce, Charles Atherton, David Kelly, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Nathan Beede

of Lynn, Thomas D. Gifford, Peter Peck, Tobias Meader and Stephen Dillingham.

By the accounts from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode Island has united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lois Peery to the station of an Elder, and with Swansey Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public appearances in the ministry of Obadiah Chace; that Salem has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ruth Hallis to the station of an Elder; that Sandwich has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Reuben Wing; that Vassalboro' has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Jones and Grace Jones to the station of Elders - with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Taber to the same station, and with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Theodate S. Pope; that Dover has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah B. Roberts, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Roberts to the station of an Elder - also with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Comfort Neal to the same station; and that Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Partridge and Lois Peal to the station of Elders.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed to be paid to our Treasurer the amount of Stock called for by this Meeting last year, - and William Reynolds, Micajah C. Pratt, George Routland, Jr., Oliver Pope, Samuel H. Cotton, Tobias Meader, Edmund Cates and Alden Sampson, are appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum suitable to be raised for the use of this Meeting the ensuing year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

The Representatives reported that they had consulted together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for assistant Clerk, which being approved by this meeting, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Lydia H. Stanley, from Redstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania, as companion of our friend, Edith Griffith, and of Persis Gardner, from Leeds Monthly Meeting, companion to our friend, Eliza Brewer, satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings were read.

The Records of this Meeting for the past year were now read.

The Annual Report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding

School was laid before us, and the several important propositions contained in it, received the deliberate attention of this Meeting, and it is concluded that agreeably to the proposal of the Committee, the School shall continue to be vacated during the present summer term, and in order to obtain the necessary funds for making the repairs and improvements referred to in the Report, this Meeting recommends that Friends generally, in our several Meetings enter into free and voluntary subscriptions, contributing according to their means and freedom, and notwithstanding their mite, however small may be the amount that some individuals may feel able to give - and believing that the object will be promoted by entering into a subscription at the present time we appoint the following Committee to call upon Friends now in attendance of this Meeting for their contributions and report at a future sitting, viz:- Joseph C. Peckham, Charles H. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, George Bowen, Micajah C. Pratt, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, Edward H. Howland, Henry S. Wood, Stephen Dillingham, Matthew Howland, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crosman, Oliver Pope, Samuel H. Cotton, John E. Fry, Richard Bailey, Ebenezer Fry, Alton Pope, Samuel Foster, Charles B. Gates, Amos D. Pennington, Isaiah Fry, Edward G. Haag, Moses Winslow, Alden Sampson, Moses Bailey and Charles Bailey.

The Report of the School Committee is approved and adopted, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of it to our several Subordinate Meetings. It is as follows, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee for the superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, report, that the objects of their appointment have received their attention. Meetings of the Committee have been held at the school-house monthly, and the schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee deputed to that service. The semi-annual examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee.

The department of the scholars, with few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English education - correct reading, spelling, and writing a good hand: while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly taught.

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school; and much labor has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote

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conformity to our well-known and constant practice in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, revised, and having been printed were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several Monthly Meetings; and it is very desirable and important that Committees of Monthly Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.

The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the school-house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting 7th month 1st, and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence, should, after that time, until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children, and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle, according to their several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many Friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meeting, for religious worship.

During the last Summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the school-house, and other improvements including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school-house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and further manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniencies of the school.

At our meeting in the second month the Committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation with the short vacation time since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient had been afforded to make

that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the convenience, health and comfort of the family require; and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the School for the coming summer time, for a thorough repair and renovation of the School-house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their advice in relation thereto. That meeting advised and consented that the School should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purposes, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorized to proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that at the present time it might be interesting and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a School for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year, 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to "the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the design and importance of the subject" - "and that it become the care of Friends in future in all the Meetings, to promote, annually, subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions unnecessary."

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends, in common with others, were laboring under many difficulties and embarrassments in consequence of the war then existing between this country and Great Britain. Nevertheless, in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in the creation."

This address was literally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely of the income of property in its possession. A room in the meeting-house

at Portsmouth, R. I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11th month, 1784.

A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say — "Besides the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and reflection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for re-opening the school was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

"Providence, 4th of 5th mo. 1814-

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends — As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration. And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the cause of truth, I have, for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about forty-three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best. As treasurer of the School Fund, I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in, in conformity to the mind of Truth, that we may hope for its blessing,

I conclude, your affectionate friend, Moses Brown.

Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended to Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of the School upon a more extended plan and more permanent basis than before, which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown."

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious Society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st of 1st month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: Thomas Tolsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah Brown, Moses Brown, Mary Green and Abraham Shearman, Jr.

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of Friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the school.

There are now many improvements and repairs proposed - all very desirable, and some absolutely necessary.

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a subscription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this institution - and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who, according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution, alike intended for the benefit of all - and the usefulness of which has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which we trust under the keeping of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

We have had during the past year in the school, the services of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents, - Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boys' school, with the addition of John Henry Chapman for the summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term.

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls' school, assisted during the winter term by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given during the

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summer term by George Pierce and the winter term by Charles H. Brownell.

Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as a teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has also been given in the French language.

The average number of scholars has been 89, viz: 48 males and 41 females.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the winter term, have been — By Superintendent, 15,168 30

Interest and insurance paid by Treasurer, 159 17

$ 15,327 47

The income from the School Fund, 6,835 51

Balance in Treasurer's hands last year, 178 81

Rec'd of Manufacturers Bank, 2,500

Advanced by the Treasurer 51 85 $ 9,569 17

From Board, Tuition and other sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year, 6,034 95

$ 15,604 12

Leaving unexpended in Superintendent's hands, 276 65

$ 15,327 47

From income of funds specially appropriated to the purpose, a further sum has been expended on the farm and premises, of $ 390.

We recommend that the terms of last year for board and tuition be continued — books and stationery being charged at actual cost, viz: — for members of our Yearly Meeting thirty dollars per term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, fifty dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted; five dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund.

Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee in the ninth and third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "cc For the schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

We trust the cause of education, and the religious training of the youth of our society are held in unabated estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches.

This institution for the guarded education of the youth of our society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shared so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will, we trust, continue to be the object of undiminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk."

Providence, 6th month, 1st. 1852.

Our friends, Timothy C. Collins, Charles Atherton, Micajah C. Pratt, Enoch Page, Nowell Coggeshall, Moses B. Rogers, Joshua Douglas, Lemuel Jones, Anthony Chase, Smith Batley, Joseph H. Cole, Stephen Jones, Benjamin Fry, Tobias Meader, Joseph Taylor and Alden Sampson, are appointed to propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee, on the part of this Meeting, for the ensuing year.

Our friends, Thomas Hawkins, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles K. Tucker, Jesse Crossman, John E. Fry, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer and William Hart, are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 Oclock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 15th — the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings. The answer to the first query, which inquires in relation to our faithfulness in the discharge of our duty to Almighty God, by assembling together to worship Him, manifested as in former years, that many were deficient in the due discharge of this indispensable duty, and much exercise was felt in relation thereto. While we are in the enjoyment of the blessings mercifully vouchsafed to us by our Heavenly Father, we may be so ungrateful as to forget Him the only Giver, and in the carelessness & hardness of our hearts we may fail to return thanks unto Him, even at the peril of having His mercy withdrawn from us. The fearfulness of this condition was very sensibly felt and called forth an expression of deep solicitude and solemn warning, that while we are yet in the enjoyment of health, and partakers of the mercies remembered that are granted to us, we may be brought to remember that our paramount concern in this present life should be the discharge of our duty to God, even to Him before whom we are soon all to stand, and to render an account for all that we have received at his holy hand. We were reminded of those anciently, who neglected to come up at the appointed time to the feast of tabernacles, that upon them

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should descend no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their dwellings. While on the other hand, the words of the prophet were revived for our encouragement, "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." When we find a neglect in the discharge of this reasonable service of presenting ourselves before God for the purpose of worshipping Him, if we enter into a faithful examination of ourselves, we shall be brought to feel that there is a coldness and indifference with us in regard to things essential to salvation, and that it is an evidence that we have either never witnessed the new birth, or that we have ceased to walk in the regeneration, for those that know the true and saving baptism, do love Christ their Redeemer, that they are ready, and engaged publicly to manifest their allegiance to Him, looking with faith for the verification of His gracious promise, that where we are gathered in His name, there will He be in the midst of us - and in this love and faith, we shall not feel excused from assembling together for His worship, however small may be our numbers, or discouraging the circumstances by which we may be surrounded. Friends were feelingly encouraged to increased diligence in the attendance of our meetings on one of the days of the week which is devoted by the world generally to the pursuit of secular concerns, remembering that a partial sacrifice will not be received by our Father in Heaven, and that His servant of old, would not offer unto Him of that which cost him nothing.

We were persuasively entreated to remember in relation to our duty of attending our mid-week Meetings, that every thing that relates merely to this life is secondary to the duty which we owe to God - all temporal concerns should yield to this paramount concern of waiting upon Him, who is the source of all our blessings. And the examples of dedication of our early Friends were instructively brought before us, when the sacrifices they made in the discharge of this duty, were often those of the spoiling of their goods, the privation of personal liberty, and sometimes, even, the ultimate loss of life. "If ye love the world the love of the Father is not in you." Fearful is the thought that the love of the world may interrupt us in manifesting our love of God. That our treasure being on earth, there our hearts are also. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind," this is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it, namely "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." They that dwell in God dwell in love", for "God is love," and if we are dwelling in Him we shall love one another - all detraction, all desire to lessen one another, all backbiting, all evil speaking will be done away; we shall be concerned for the preservation and welfare one of another, and with sincere and contrited hearts we shall take our brethren by the hand and bid them God speed in their journey of life.

Parents were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in bringing up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, and in the observance of all our Christian testimonies.

The careful maintenance of our discipline in this respect we believe would prove as a hedge about our beloved youth, which would preserve them from many of the snares and temptations incident to their age. An invitation was extended to the young in life to consider, whether, when they have departed from any of our testimonies, it has not tended to deprive them of that true peace, which, in moments of serious, they have highly prized. Parents were also earnestly entreated to guard well their children against the reading of pernicious books, which are so abundant at the present day; and all were exhorted to be diligent in the perusal of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. When we remember that in the Holy Scriptures are set forth the way and the means of salvation through a crucified and risen Lord; that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness; that they portray the experience of the servants of God formerly, and His dealings with them; we greatly desire that they may be sacredly valued by us and perused with reverential and prayerful spirits; that their contents may be opened to our understandings, and savingly sealed upon our hearts.

Having proceeded with the Queries to the 11th inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

In the afternoon the Meeting assembled at the appointed hour, and proceeded in the further consideration of the state of society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

It appearing that there continues to be manifest deficiency in the recording of births, deaths and burials, this Meeting encourages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends that in each Monthly Meeting there should be an annual appointment not only of a Recorder but of a Committee, selected from each Separative Meeting, to report births, deaths and burials to the Recorder: and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, viz:

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except in four instances, occasioned by inclement weather. Those on First Days by the most of Friends. Meetings for discipline, and other mid-week meetings, are much neglected by some. The hour nearly observed. Unbecoming behavior generally guarded against, except a few instances of sleeping. Some care taken in these deficiencies.

2d. Love and unity are, in a good measure, maintained by the most of our members, yet not so fully in some instances as queried after. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have arisen

3d. There is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under

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4th. Friends are careful, with a few exceptions, to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors, except in medicine. Care is taken in most cases of deficiency. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, is, in a good measure, avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed at the occasions refered to in the query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children freely partake of learning and Friends' children are generally placed among Friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families are generally careful in regard to proceedings with respect to marriage, yet there are several cases of keeping company and marrying out of the order of Society, in most of which care has been taken.

7th. The several testimonies embraced in this query appear to be maintained.

8th. Friends are careful, with few exceptions, to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th. Marriages are all recorded. Births, deaths and burials, are not so fully attended to. A few removals without certificates, mostly under notice.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders as queried after, though not always so seasonably as might be best. Careful to place judgment according to discipline.

A proposition from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, that that Meeting in the eighth month should be held at Newport instead of Portsmouth, was, with the concurrence of the women's meeting, united with, and it is decided that the Quarterly Meeting should be so held after the present year, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

It appearing to this Meeting desirable that no two of the Quarterly Meetings within our limits shall be held on the same day, the Representatives to this Meeting are requested to take the subject into consideration, and report their views to a future sitting; and they are also desired to consider the subject of the time of commencing this Meeting and of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and whether advantage would probably result from any change of the day or hour of commencement, and report to a future sitting.

The following proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to a change of our discipline on the subject of marriage, is refered to the serious and weighty consideration of the following Friends, who are desired to report their judgment to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Thomas Anthony, David Buffum, Isaac Peck, Edmund Chase, Estes Newhall, Lewis Ordway, Daniel Page, 3d, David Rodman, Samuel Gifford, William C. Taber, William Penn Howland, Isaac R. Gifford, Nathan Douglas, Samuel Jones, Jesse Crosman, Caleb Jones, Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, John Milton Earle,

Edward Foster, Edmond Cates, Stephen Jones, John D. Lang, Joseph Faber, Benjamin Fry, Tobias Meader, Lindley M. Hoag, Benajah Buffum, Reuben Jones, Alden Sampson, Winslow Hawkes and Allen Wing, viz:

"In the account from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting it is proposed to bring before the Yearly Meeting the subject of altering that portion of our discipline which prohibits a member from marrying a deceased wife's sister, or a deceased husband's brother; which, claiming the attention of this Meeting, it is concluded to carry the proposition to the Yearly Meeting, having the concurrence of our Women's Meeting therein."

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting in the 2d, 5th and 11th months, shall be changed from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day as heretofore, with which this and the Women's Meeting unite; and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

An acceptable and interesting Epistle from our dear Friends in London Yearly Meeting, held the present year, was now received and read, and is referred to the Committee on Correspondence; and the same Committee is requested to propose the name of a Friend for Correspondent of this Meeting, in place of our late beloved friend George Howland.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 10th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present as heretofore.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were now laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that Meeting on the various important subjects that have claimed its attention were solidly considered, and approved by this Meeting; and Thomas Hastings, Moses Slade, Enoch Page, Joshua Page, Samuel Gifford, Edmund Gardner, Caleb Jones, Samuel Jones, Smith Battey, James N. Fry, Edmund Cates, Joseph Faber, Walter Sawyer, Isaiah Fry, Joseph Sayles and Frederick Swan, are appointed to propose the names of three Friends to supply the places of those who were members of the Meeting for Sufferings that have deceased since the last appointment of that Meeting.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, Friends met by adjournment.

It appearing by the Epistles received at this time from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, that they have appointed Committees to unite in conference in the consideration of subjects connected with the general interests of our religious Society, and it being proposed by our friends of New York Yearly Meeting that the Committees should meet at Baltimore on the second second day in the 5th month of next year, this Meeting was introduced into a weighty and solemn consideration of what might be its duty in relation to uniting in this concern. After a season of solid deliberation,

and with a full expression of unity with the measure, we have believed it right for us to appoint a Committee to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in conference, should way open for it, in seeking to promote the best interests of our religious Society and the restoration of harmony and unity as they formerly existed among all the Yearly Meetings of Friends; and we appoint our friends Lowland Greene, Thomas Jones, Alden Wing, David Buffum, Thomas Anthony, Benjamin Ely, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Grover, Charles Atherton, Joseph Davis, Isaac R. Gifford and Edmond Bates, to propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee of Conference.

We appoint our friends William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Abner Slade, Stephen A. Chase, Nathan Breed, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles R. Tucker, George Howland, Jr., William L. Baker, John W. Minot, Elisha Jones of Windham, Thomas Jones, John Milton Earle, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Joseph H. Cole, Samuel Foster, Alton Sope, Benajah Buffum, Walter Sawyer, Tobias Meader, William Jay, Joseph Taylor and Alden Sampson, to take into consideration our present advices of Discipline in relation to Burials, and report to a future sitting, whether in their judgment the best interests of Society will be promoted by any change therein - and propose their views to this meeting.

An Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London held last year addressed to the different Yearly Meetings on this continent was now read, and its contents were very salutary and edifying to us.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, united with by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Sophronia Page, was read, bringing her very tenderly to our remembrance, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare suitable Minutes for our friends now in attendance of this Meeting, and present them to a future sitting.

Adjourned to meet at 4 O'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 17th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present as at our previous sitting.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, families and individuals as way might open for, presented the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit such of the subordinate meetings, families and individuals as way may open for, and to labor for the support of our Christian testimonies and discipline, Report:

That from time to time, as members of the committee have felt their minds drawn, as they trust, in gospel love, they have visited each of the Quarterly Meetings and presented their minute of appointment in all of them but one; Several of the Monthly, Preparative and Particular Meetings have also been attended, and

in some of them the families of Friends have been visited.

"In the course of our several visits, we have thankfully to acknowledge, that we believe the good hand of our heavenly Shepherd has been felt to be underneath, to the tendering and contriting of us before Him, enabling us to attend to the services as way has opened, to the satisfaction and relief of our own minds.

Our visits have all of them been received by Friends with cordiality and love, and we have reason to hope that strength and encouragement have in many instances resulted.

Our prospect is that some services of the same nature for which we were appointed, yet remain to be attended to.

On behalf of the Committee,

Rowland Greene,
Mary B. Tarnum.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1852."

This Meeting continuing to feel a concern in relation to the various important subjects that claimed its attention when the appointment was made last year, does now appoint for similar purposes, our friends Rowland Greene, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Anthony, John Meader, Samuel Gifford, Edmund Chase, Nathan Douglas, Estes Newhall, Reuben Jones, John Osborne, Thomas Grover, Isaac R. Gifford, Peter Peck, Joseph Davis, James Jones, William R. Taber, Joseph Taylor, Stephen Jones, Isaac Lawrence, Caleb Jones, Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Allen Wing, John D. Lang, Newell Ordway, Newell Hoscie, Samuel Innes, Edward Foster, Smith Bailey, Edmund Cates, Tobias Meader, Josiah Holmes, Jr., Jonathan Dame, Joseph H. Cole, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Benjamin Fry, William Parr, Gilbert Congdon, Daniel Sage 3d, Daniel Shepherd, John Macumber, Abraham Winslow, James N. Fry, Obadiah Chace, Moses H. Rogers, William C. Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Joseph Metcalf and Stephen Dillingham, and they are requested to attend to the concern of this Yearly Meeting, visiting in love such meetings, families or individuals as way may open for, and report to this meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.– Mary B. Tarnum, Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth Meader, Hannah G. Sawyer, Elizabeth Wing, Eunice Metcalf, Martha Meader, Ruth Sawyer, Ruth Davis, Mary E. Reed, Susan Rowland, Mercy K. Wing, Elizabeth Page, Lydia Congdon, Ann Elmira Lang, Anna Cates, Susan L. Thorn, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Hannah Morrill, Rachel S. Rowland, Mary D. Page, Eliza B. Boyce.]

The Committee on the subject of a change of place of holding this Yearly Meeting, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to look after a more central place to hold our Yearly Meeting, now report, that since our appointment we have had a number of meetings of the members generally, and by Sub-committee have visited and examined a number of places, and have made some estimates of the probable cost of different locations,

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and after deliberation thereon, it is our united judgment that Lynn is the most suitable place and that the meetings for worship be held at Salem and Lynn, and those for discipline at Lynn, and that the probable cost of a house &c. besides the house now belonging to Friends there, may be about six thousand dollars.

In behalf of the Committee,

Rowland Greene,
Elizabeth Wing.

Newport, 6th mo., 1852."

Which is accepted, and the same Committee is continued under appointment to apply to Salem Monthly Meeting, and ascertain what accommodations that Meeting will extend to this Yearly Meeting, in order for its holding its sessions there, and on what terms - make a definite estimate of what buildings will be required to be erected by this Meeting, and what other arrangements may be necessary and at what cost - also what portion of the expense can be obtained by voluntary subscriptions, and report upon the whole subject to this meeting next year.

The Committee to whom was refered the proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of a change of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in recommending that the provision of the discipline which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased wife's sister, should be rescinded.

In the Committee,

Benjamin Fry,
Mary Grove.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

Which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the Women's Meeting that portion of our Discipline upon this subject, revived in 1830, is hereby repealed. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to our Subordinate Meetings, and they are requested to expunge the articles referred to from our Books of Discipline.

The Committee of this Meeting on the subject of Education made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education Report, That from accounts received from 27 Monthly Meetings, there are within their limits Children, from 11 to 16 years of age, 1051; from 16 to 21, 485. Monthly Meeting School, 1; Preparative Meeting School, 1; Family Schools, 7; Friends' Children attending ~~Friends'~~ Schools, 161; Friends' Children attending mixed Schools, 1128. Number of First day Schools in operation the past year, 19. Average continuance, 5½ months. Friends' Children attending same, 416

Number of Monthly Meetings from which no account is received, 3.

In addition there are within our limits several Schools established and controlled by Friends, whose advantages are extended to some not in religious profession with us. Many mixed schools are also taught by our members. Several meetings of the Committee have been held, and although we cannot repat much active service, there continues, we believe, in the minds of many Friends, a lively concern to facilitate in every possible way the religiously guarded literary education of our youth. On reverting to the original Minute of 1846, constituting this Committee, we find that a concern for the religious education of the youth of our Society, is referred to as one long felt by the Yearly Meeting. So full of evidence on this point has been laid before you at this time, by another committee, that we need not further allude to it than to express our full concurrence with them therein, and in a sense of its intimate connection with the permanent and highest welfare of our religious Society. We fully believe, that in view of its far-reaching influence, few subjects, if any, of greater moment can engage the attention of Friends. Some of our number have attended with satisfaction the semi-annual examination of the Boarding School. In the concern of the School Committee, as expressed in their interesting report to promote thoroughness in the elementary branches of study, we feel much unity. We think it also a question well worthy the consideration of Friends, whether something may not be done to encourage our younger members to continue longer at this Institution - perhaps by marking out for their pursuit such a regular and comprehensive course of study as might be matured by the School Committee. We are aware that the circumstances of many Friends might, at first view, appear to preclude this course; but we believe that in proportion as we attain that thoroughness in the education of our youth, which has been recommended by the School Committee, will be our success in infusing the love of learning - and this point once gained, we trust that little practical difficulty will be found in pursuing it; and that our Boarding School, at Providence, will present such facilities as to overcome most of the temptations to go beyond our borders for a liberal education.

We have, at this time, acquired with much interest to that portion of the records of the School Committee, which evinces the concern and the labor of Friends, (several of whom have now passed from works to rewards,) at various times, to extend the means of instruction offered to our children at the Yearly Meeting School, and under the minute of our appointment, we have thought it might be our peace to encourage Friends to renewed attention to this subject. We think that a careful view of the actual state of education among us, and especially when we consider its advancement in the community around us, would incite Friends to labor in this direction. We here refer to such an extended education as is calculated better to qualify our members generally for the proper discharge of our various social, civil, and religious duties. The Boarding School has been, and we trust may be increasingly useful in furnishing teachers for our own and for public schools. From the early history of the Institution, this consideration has been regarded as highly important,

and we cannot forbear the expression of a hope that such of our junior members as incline to prepare themselves for this vocation, may continue to find at this school the means of qualification equal at least to those about us, and in some degree commensurate with the importance of the subject.

From the information received at this time it appears that the number of Friends' children in the attendance of First Day Schools has considerably increased during the past year. Ample room however yet remains for the exertions of concerned Friends in this undertaking, and we have desired their encouragement in the establishment of these schools, wherever a sufficient number of children can be collected for the purpose.

In the present condition of many of our members, from their scattered location and limited means, the attendance of their children at mixed schools is perhaps unavoidable. We believe it a concern of much importance to the welfare of our religious society that parents so circumstanced should feel the great responsibility which rests upon them, and that they may be enabled by a rightly directed moral and religious training of their beloved offspring, to counteract the injurious influence which associations in such schools would be likely to exert upon their minds.

It has been renewed cause of encouragement to the Committee to learn that the daily practice of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures is becoming more general in the families of Friends.

This Committee having been continued from year to year since 1846, we believe that usefulness to the cause will result from a new appointment at this time, should the Yearly Meeting deem it proper again to entrust this concern to a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas S. Gifford, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1852."

— which is interesting and satisfactory, and in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report, the Committee is released, and we appoint the following Friends, viz: Stephen Chase, George Bowen, Charles W. Earle, Jonathan Freeborn, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, James Dennis, Samuel Austin, Abel F. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, John Page, Thomas W. Thorndike, Josiah D. Chalkis, Thomas Folsom, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Stephen R. Wing, Samuel Brown, Moses F. Rogers, Abraham R. Wing, George Easton, George W. Francis, Abner Potter, Jr., Abraham Macomber, Adrian Davis, Henry J. Wood, William R. Taber, Henry M. Minot, Rufus Horton, Lemuel Jones, Nathan Douglas, Josiah Gould, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, Smith Battey, Thomas Grover, Enoch Hoag, Samuel H. Cotton, John E. Fry, David Babcock, Joseph H. Cole, Charles Osborne, Robert Goddard, Elijah Winslow, Asa Jones, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer, Joel Bean, Cyrus Beede, Edward D. Hoag, Josiah Fry, Albert C. Ruffum, Moses Winslow, George Richardson, David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, Alden Sampson and

Jacob Pope, to attend to the original concern of this Meeting, to encourage Friends in imparting to their children a guarded education, free, as far as may be, from the contaminating influences of the world, and they are encouraged to attend the semi-annual examinations at the Boarding School, and are requested to report to this Meeting next year.

[Women's Committee.— Abby Dennis, Elizabeth S. Chase, Dorcas B. Robinson, Mary L. Congdon, Catharine C. Knowles, Phebe C. Reynolds, Sarah Slade, Amanda M. Buffington, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Martha S. Hawkes, Ruth S. Challis, Susan L. Brown, Sabina A. Page, Mary S. Page, Elizabeth Pilling ham, Rhoda G. Wing, Sarah S. Brown, Mary Shepherd, Phebe K. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Lydia C. Earle, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah M. Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah M. Anthony, Sarah A. Earle, Roanna W. Grover, Ann H. Cotton, Elizabeth Southwick, Rebecca A. Fry, Sarah C. Fry, Patience B. Winslow, Hannah W. Meader, Esther Jones, Elmira C. Sutherland, Mary Brackett, Nancy Cartland, Maria Pope, Eunice Day, Lavinia Fry, Phebe Faber, Patience Goddard, Rachel W. Jones, Hannah K. Faber, Elizabeth S. Cook, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Cynthia Buffum, Mary J. Hussey, Abigail C. Beede, Sarah Hoag, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Betsey J. Bailey, Mary F. Bailey, Lydia Shepherd, Sarah W. Partridge.]

The Committee to propose names to be added to the Meeting for Sufferings, present those of George Moreland, Jr., Benajah Buffum and Esther Jones, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Friends already under appointment, together with those now added, are constituted a Meeting for Sufferings, to act on the part of this Meeting in its recess, agreeably to the original organization of that Meeting.

The Committee to propose names for a Committee of Conference, propose the following Friends, viz: Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Osborne, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Stephen M. Chase and Samuel Boyce, which are satisfactory to us, and they are accordingly appointed for the purposes specified in the minute already made upon this subject.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following report, viz:

"The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report, that they have attended to the duties of their appointment; have examined and settled the Treasurer's account and find a balance due him of four thousand two hundred and forty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents.

They propose to raise the sum of two thousand dollars for the use of the Meeting the ensuing year, and propose David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

Newport, 6, 15th, 1852 William Reynolds."

— which is satisfactory, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of two thousand dollars to David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and

Passamaquodda tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquodda Indians, report:

That we have from time to time given some attention to the objects of our appointment during the past year in which divers subjects connected with their improvement and the future operations of the committee have been considered; among others, that of educating the children and youth of this interesting portion of the human family, has claimed our serious consideration and has appeared a desirable object to be attended to, so far as way may open for, and in an interview with the proper officers of the government on the subject, we have the assurance of their friendly aid and cordial co-operation in the prosecution of such measures as may best promote the object in view.

We have the satisfaction of informing that a school under the care of a female has been in successful operation among the Penobscots during a portion of last year. By official returns of the agents of the tribes, it appears that their farming operations are again on the increase. Their crops the past year amounting to more than in any former year since the failure of their potato crop.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones.

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Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1852.

– which is satisfactory – and we continue our Committee under appointment with desires for their encouragement in rendering these remnants of the aboriginal inhabitants of our land, such aid, as they may be enabled to afford. And they are authorised to call on the Treasurer of this Meeting for $50 to assist in the continuance of the School refered to in the report, should they find such aid desirable, and report to this meeting next year.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee on the concern of the Indians west of the Mississippi, Report: that they have received donations the past year, amounting to three hundred two dollars, to be applied to the erection of a barn on the school farm, established by Indiana Yearly Meeting, within the borders of the Shawnee tribe, and have forwarded the same to Thomas Wells, superintendant. The account from the school is very encouraging: one woman of the scholars the past year have become members of our Society. The Committee have not received any information from other portions of the tribes, but feel a deep interest in their welfare, and recommend that the concern be continued, and, as way may open, to render such assistance as they may stand in need of.

In the Committee,

John D. Lang
Samuel Taylor, Jr.

Newport, 17th 6th mo. 1852. "

- which is satisfactory, and desiring that the interest which has long been felt by this meeting for these people may not abate, we continue our Committee under appointment to attend to such service as may may open for, and report to this meeting next year.

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, informed this meeting that our beloved friend Lindley M. Hoag, has been liberated to visit in the love of the gospel, Friends and others in Norway, and also, if way opened open for it, to visit some other parts of Europe, to appoint meetings amongst Friends and others, and to attend to such religious service as may be required of him; and also to attend London and Dublin Yearly Meetings - whereupon we appoint our Friends George Howland, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, John D. Lang, John Meader, Peace Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey and John Osborne, to render him any advice and assistance that may be required in the prosecution of his contemplated visit.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Sixth day morning, 6th mo. 18th, the meeting again convened according to adjournment. Representatives present, as at first sitting.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute a Committee for the government and superintendence of our Boarding School, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The joint Committee of men and women Friends, appointed to consider of and propose to this Meeting the names of suitable friends to constitute a Committee to have charge of the Boarding School at Providence, have united upon the following, viz:

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Allen Pope, Benajah Buffum, Silas Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam H. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy K. King, Lydia W. Jones, Jane C. Mixel, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Rhodah S. Pope, Hannah C. Sawyer, Ruth W. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia W. Kelly, Anna S. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
Abigail M. Hanson."

- and the names of the Friends proposed being satisfactory to this Meeting, they are appointed accordingly for the ensuing year, and requested to report to our next Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to solicit subscriptions for the objects presented in the report of the Boarding School made report, by which it appears that $3,612 have been subscribed by Friends now in attendance at this Yearly Meeting, $109 of which have been

collected and placed in the hands of Joseph C. Peckham, to be disposed of as this Meeting may direct. They also presented the subscription papers, all of which are directed to be placed in the hands of our friend Thomas Hacknep, Treasurer of the School Fund, who is requested to collect the same, and hold it, subject to the order of the School Committee, for the purposes of repairs and improvements of the School property; and in order that Friends generally within our Yearly Meeting may have an opportunity of contributing to this object, we appoint the following friends to bring the subject before the families in their different meetings, that all who are so disposed may contribute according to their ability to this desirable object; and we desire that none may feel discouraged because they may not be of ability to render much pecuniary aid, but that they may feel assured that, however small may be the donation, it will be acceptable. And the Committee are requested to proceed with diligence in this work, and communicate the result of their labors at as early a period as practicable to the Treasurer of the School Fund, it being desirable to raise, in the aggregate, $8000, viz: Stephen Chase, David Buffum, Charles W. Earle, Benjamin Greene, Jonathan Peckham, William Chace, Abner Slade, Joseph C. Peckham, Jacob Metcalf, Abel F. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Nathan Breed, Joseph S. Nichols, William Rogers, Jr., Josiah D. Thallis, John Breed, Daniel Sage, 3d, Stephen Dillingham, Joseph Wing, David Kelly, Otis Ellis, Edward P. Tillo, George Easton, William Rosier, William Tucker, Isaac R. Gifford, John Macomber, John W. Gifford, Charles K. Tucker, Edward W. Howland, Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, Joshua Douglas, Jesse Crosman, Oliver Pope, Mark Knight, Abraham Winslow, John Cartland, Richard Bailey, John Osborne, Samuel H. Cotton, Edward Foster, John C. Fry, Amos W. Collins, Edmond Cates, Joseph H. Cole, Caldwell A. Jenkins, Robert Goddard, Joseph Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Timothy Manson, Amos D. Perinton, Joel Bean, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Mayhew, Edward S. Wing, Amos V. Hurd, Allen Wing, Joseph Taylor, Moses Bailey, William Fan, David Douglass and Daniel Shepherd, and they are requested to report to this meeting next year. And the Clerk is directed to furnish a member of the Committee in each Monthly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

[Women's Committee.—Hannah Gould, Jr., Dorcas B. Robinson, Lois I. Greene, Sarah Slade, Mary Ann Collins, Eunice B. Boyce, Ruth I. Thallis, Keyura T. Breed, Ruth H. Baker, Beulah W. Rogers, Nancy S. Potter, Deborah C. Gifford, Sarah M. Easton, Rhoda Howland, Thisby Andrews, Sarah P. Wheeler, Milby Aldrich, Lydia H. Jones, Esther Jones, Mary Ann Winslow, Emma Robinson, Elizabeth B. Taber, Susanna Jones, Martha E. Pratt, Abigail M. Manson, Hannah Morrell, Martha Meader, Thebe Taylor, Eunice W. Fan, Lydia Shepherd.]

The Committee to whom was refered the consideration of the article of our discipline concerning burials, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of some alteration in our Discipline relative to Burial Grounds—having given their attention thereto,

recommend that the second paragraph on page 12th of our present Book of Discipline be rescinded and the following substituted.

"Being very desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the dead, as well as in other respects – it is the advice of this meeting that no monuments be set up in our burial grounds near or over the dead bodies of Friends, or others, except a plain stone not to exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground, on which no inscription shall be made other than the name, date of death and age of the deceased. And it is advised that the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects our testimonies be carefully maintained. And also to see that all burial grounds be properly enclosed."

On behalf of the Committee,

John Osborne.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1852."

– which being solidly considered, it is united with, and the article of our Discipline on the subject of Burials, on the 12th page, beginning with the words "and whereas Friends", and ending with the words "are decently enclosed", is, with the unity of the Women's Meeting, hereby repealed, and the paragraph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor; and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our several subordinate meetings, and they are requested to cause the same to be inserted in our Books of Discipline.

The Representatives made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

Pursuant to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, the Representatives have considered the several subjects referred to them, and they are united in proposing, that our Meeting for Sufferings be requested to consider the subject of making some change in the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings, and communicate their views in relation thereto at our next Yearly Meeting.

In regard to making a change in the day and hour of holding our Yearly Meeting, and our Select Yearly Meeting, they have concluded to recommend that no change be made.

They are also united in judgment that the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting, in the year 1850, respecting providing for Friends in attendance of our Yearly Meeting, from within our own limits, be strictly adhered to in future.

On behalf of the Representatives,

Thomas Anthony.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

– which is satisfactory – and the Meeting for Sufferings is accordingly requested to give its attention to the consideration of the subject of the times of holding our Quarterly Meetings.

The Committee on Correspondence propose that Stephen A. Chase should be appointed Correspondent of this Meeting, in place of our late dear friend George

Haviland, which is united with, and he is appointed accordingly.

The Committee to consider the subject of addressing Epistles to our friends of Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to consider the propriety of addressing epistles to our friends of the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio, under the circumstance of our not having at this time nor for several of the past years received any testimonial of this kind from them - have very carefully considered the subject.

While we would avoid every appearance of subjecting those Yearly Meetings to any unnecessary trials, or being in any manner a cause of offence to them - we have felt a solicitude that we should so conduct ourselves towards them, as will most effectually manifest our desire, that whatever of distrust or want of genuine christian unity may remain with any, in those Yearly Meetings towards ours, may be done away, so that, hopefully, the pure spirit of gospel love, may again abound among us.

The result of our deliberations is, that the desirable ends alluded to, may be best promoted, by again saluting those Yearly Meetings by epistles; we have accordingly prepared essays for that purpose which we herewith submit.

On behalf of the Committee,

Thomas Jones.

Newpat, 6th mo. 17th 1852."

- which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the essays of communications to Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly Meetings, prepared by the Committee, being read and fully united with by this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Daniel Baker, and similar minutes for our friends Harvey Derrystine, Charles Taber, Seneca Hazard, Edith Griffith, Elizabeth K. Irish and Eliza Brewer, viz:

Our beloved friend Daniel Baker attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Joseph Newlin, and similar minutes for our friends Sarah Sands, and his wife Sarah Sands, Jesse Kenworthy, David Gardner, Paul Southwick, Lydia H. Stanley and Persis Gardner, viz:

Our beloved friend Joseph Newlin, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been satisfactory to us.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

A testimony of Weare Monthly Meeting, united with by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Alice Page, was read, and being approved it is directed that it be recorded.

A Testimony of Durham Monthly Meeting, united with by Falmouth Quarterly

Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Stephen Jones, was read and approved, and it is directed that it be recorded.

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of the memorials presented to this meeting the present year to be printed and distributed among Friends.

In the Epistle received at this time from our friends of New York Yearly Meeting, we are informed that they have appointed the following Corespondents, viz;

Nathan Swift is appointed to be Corespondent of New Paltz Monthly Meeting, in place of Isaac Horne, removed out of its limits. Address, Marts Village, Dutchess Co. N. Y.

John V. Gilman is appointed to be Corespondent for Coxsan's Monthly Meeting, in place of Hiret Bedell, removed from its limits. Address, Coxsackie, Greene Co. N. Y.

George Congdon is appointed Corespondent for Oswego Monthly Meeting, in place of Stephen Mosher, deceased. Address, Arthursburg, Dutchess Co. N. Y.

William Bell was appointed Corespondent for Rollin Monthly Meeting. Address, Rollin, Lenawee Co. Michigan.

Our friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting informs us in their Epistle that they have made the following appointment of Corespondents, viz:

Joseph Coppock for Union Monthly Meeting, West Branch Quarter, in the place of David Miles who has removed out of the limits of that Meeting. Address, West Milton, Miami County, Ohio.

Barnabas Coffin for Springfield Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, in the place of John Williams who has removed out of the limits of the said Meeting. Address, Economy, Wayne County, Indiana.

Aaron Wadley for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter, in the place of Ashley Johnson who has removed out of the limits of said meeting. Address, Monrovia, Morgan County, Indiana.

David Miles for Wabash Monthly Meeting, in the limits of the Northern Quarter. Address, Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana.

David Wilson for Richland Monthly Meeting, Salem Quarter. Address Richland, Keokuck County, Iowa.

Archer Jones for Spring Creek Monthly Meeting, in Salem Quarter. Address, Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa.

John Hunt for New Berry Monthly Meeting, Deerfield Quarter, in the place of Jesse Hunt, deceased. Address, Martinsville, Clinton County, Ohio.

The corespondents for our Yearly Meeting are:

George Carter, Clarksville, Clinton County, Ohio.

Elijah Coffin, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana.

William Hobbs, Spiceland, Henry County, Indiana.

We appoint Adrian Davis corespondent of Westport Monthly Meeting in place of our friend Samuel Slade, deceased.

Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, prepared by the Committee

1852.

on Correspondence, were now laid before us and read, and being approved by this Meeting the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Committee to cause to be reprinted the London General Epistle report that the service has been attended to, and the Representatives are requested to take charge of them and distribute them in their several Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes, not already provided for, and sign them on our behalf.

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of the minutes of this meeting, for the present year, to be printed and forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings to be furnished to the families of Friends.

Having been mercifully favored during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, to witness as we humbly trust, an extension of Divine mercy towards us, and having been brought very near together in love, in which we have been enabled satisfactorily to dispose of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention; we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New-England, held on Rhode-Island from the 13th to the 15th inclusive of the Sixth Month 1852 — to other Yearly Meetings of Friends: —

To the Yearly Meeting of London —

Dear Friends,

In a little fresh evidence of the continued regard of the great Shepherd of the sheep, we have been enabled again to lift up our hearts in thankfulness to him, and to take courage. The promises of God are sure. Although we may have to experience seasons of conflict and suffering, yet, as we abide in patience, in faith, and in humble waiting before Him, he has graciously said that he will arise in his own good time for the deliverance of those who put their trust in Him.

Your truly acceptable epistle, of the present year, has come to hand, and has been read in our meeting to our comfort and edification. We value highly these testimonials of Christian love. They afford evidence of the continuance of that brotherly regard, which the followers of the same glorified Leader, will under the united influence of His Spirit, cherish towards each other. Your epistle of last year, addressed to the several Yearly Meetings on the American Continent, has also been read. Its contents are truly cordial to us — and we accept it, as a further proof

of your love, and of your concern in the Gospel for the promotion of the blessed cause of Him who declared: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." May the hearts of all be so influenced by grace, as that, through the baptisms so essential to make us true Christians, humility of heart may lead to true unity, that being reconciled to Christ by his blood, we may be reconciled one unto another.

We feel the need of an increase of simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is by this alone, that we can hope to overcome the world, according to the testimony of the Apostle: "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." By it the mountains which rise up to obstruct our progress in the path of self denial and religious duty can alone be removed. From it comes ability to live godly in Christ Jesus, according to the words of the same Apostle when he says: "The life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." And without faith, it is written, it is impossible to please God.

The beloved youth among us have been at this time the objects of our tender solicitude; and living desires, have we trust, been raised in our hearts, that they may by timely submission to the operations of the Holy Spirit experience Him to lead them through repentance to that fountain of Divine mercy provided for all, in the precious blood of the Redeemer; that so being washed from all defilement in this ever open fountain, they may come to witness Sanctification and the keeping of preservation here, and be made meet to inherit the promised salvation hereafter

The evils and sin of slavery, as they exist in our land, we continue to deplore. The system so influences many of the relations of life, even in the section of our country which is free from its immediate presence, that great watchfulness is necessary that we may bear a full and consistent testimony against it. Our desire is that the minds of Friends may be kept so alive and interested upon the subject, as to induce great carefulness, that in our conversation and example, we may bear a consistent testimony to our practical belief in the efficacy of the Gospel of Christ, as embraced in the pure love of it, to effectually remedy this great evil, submitting, if necessary, with cheerfulness to any privations or even suffering which such a testimony may call for.

The mission of our blessed Savior breathes peace on earth and good will to men. May the day be hastened when by the prevalence of the true spirit of this gospel all wars and fightings shall cease, and there shall be secured to all the enjoyment of those blessings designed for them in the day when every yoke shall be broken, and the oppressed shall go free.

Our meeting has been favored through its course with a precious degree of unity and love; our hearts have been cemented together, and, as we humbly trust, it has been a season of a little renewal of spiritual strength. We desire that we may be graciously enabled to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Assembled as we are to transact the important concerns of the Church, our minds have been drawn towards our brethren of other Yearly Meetings; and, in the love of the Gospel, we salute you again, desiring that grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord, may more and more abound. We have been comforted in the receipt of your Epistle of the present year, which has been read, together with Epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, all of which have been strengthening and encouraging.

The return of these annual assemblies is always fraught with very serious, and solemn reflections - and the question, "Is there any growth in the truth," is often presented to the mind. When in mercy we are quickened, and made alive to a sense of our fallen and undone condition by nature, it is a blessed consolation to feel, that there is a way provided, whereby we can be restored into divine favour, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, shall all be made alive" - "The love of Christ constraineth us" saith the Apostle, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead; and that he died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again". How encouraging to the truly penitent soul is the hope thus set before us, that as we come under the Government of Him who was declared to be the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world, as we submit to his baptisms, and are made willing to suffer with him, we have the blessed promise, that we shall become the children of God: "And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" xxx "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God".

Let us then be concerned to yield with full purpose of heart, to the refining operations of the Holy Spirit, that we may know of being crucified with our Lord and Saviour, of being buried with him by baptism into death, that we may be raised in him, and know and experience a walking with him in newness of life. As this becomes our chiefest concern, we shall witness a growth in the truth, and our Society will be found coming up more fully to the station it was designed to occupy, and we shall experience from time to time, renewed qualification to labor for the promotion of the cause of Truth and Righteousness, and shall become instrumental in hastening the coming of that day, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters do the seas.

In the examination of the State of Society, as reported by the Subordinate Meetings, we have been brought into exercise and travail of Spirit, on account of the deficiencies in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies - yet we can thankfully acknowledge that there are many among us, who are earnestly engaged to support them upon their ancient primitive ground.

We sympathise with you in the loss you have sustained by the removal of those to whom the welfare of the Church was dear, and we too have to mourn

the loss of some among us, who have stood as pillars in the Lord's house, and who having done their days work, are, as we humbly trust, enjoying the promised inheritance with the saints in light - but we are comforted in the belief that the Great Head of the Church can qualify others to do his work, and although in some places the number may be small, yet, let us be encouraged in the promise left upon the sacred page, that a seed shall serve the Lord, and it shall be accounted to him for a generation.

This Meeting has been well attended, and we have thankfully to believe, that the blessed Head of the Church has condescended to be near, to the refreshing of our spirits.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Emmuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Philadelphia:

Dear Friends,

We have received no epistle from your Yearly Meeting the present year. This had added another to the series of years in which you have not permitted us to hear from you in the manner in which we and our fathers had been accustomed to, from the early establishment of our respective Yearly Meetings. We have been led seriously to query why is it so? Are we not brethren? Do we not profess the same faith? Do we not stand in need of each others help in the Lord? Is not the unity of the brethren still precious? We trust these queries are felt by you, to be of deep and solemn import. They so appear to us, and we would affectionately call your renewed attention to them.

Permit us to revive again to your notice the manner in which the correspondence between our respective Meetings commenced, as we did in our epistle to you in 1846, and the objects of that correspondence, as set forth upon the minutes of our meeting in the year 1694, where it is stated that "The Friends and brethren of Pennsylvania have, from their Yearly Meeting, proposed to this Meeting by our friends Samuel Jennings and Phinehas Pemberton, who are now here with us, to have a correspondence with each other by Epistle, or by visit of some friends, if it shall please the Lord to put it into their hearts so to do, that so they may hear of the affairs of Truth, and how Truth prospers, and for the mutual comfort and strength of each other", which, it appears from the same minute, was consented to with "great freedom".

The correspondence thus commenced in the love and simplicity of the Truth, as it seems to us, should be continued, that we may hear from you "of the affairs of Truth, and how Truth prospers"; for we can assure you, not we trust in a boastful spirit, for we desire to glory in nothing save our infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon us, that the affairs of Truth are dear to us.

We desire your serious prayerful consideration of these things, and that the good hand of Him who putteth forth his sheep and goeth before them, whose voice they know and follow may guide you aright.

We conclude in love your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been received and read in this meeting; and we cordially reciprocate the desire expressed therein, that, as brethren of the same household of faith, we may cherish love one to another in the unity of the Spirit, and fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This unity and fellowship will ever characterise those who endeavour in humility and watchfulness unto prayer, to keep a single eye to the leadings of Him, who has declared, "I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine".

We believe that it is for want of abiding in this state of humble dependence on the part of many, that so many deficiencies exist among us! In considering the state of Society as brought into view in the answers to the Queries, these deficiencies have been unwontedly brought before us, and have been the cause of much exercise and concern in many minds. Among these is the neglect of the duty of assembling for the worship of our Heavenly Father on those days which are usually devoted to secular concerns. Were the hearts of all our members duly impressed with a sense of the awfulness of our accountability for the abundant mercies and blessings bestowed upon us, we believe this deficiency would no longer exist. That mind that is imbued with love to God, cannot be careless or indifferent in regard to this duty.

And in our religious meetings, the humble and watchful mind will be concerned to gather to the true place of waiting, and to seek after the arisings of Spiritual life. We shall, at times, be favored with a precious evidence that our endeavours, however feeble we may feel them to be, are owned by Him, who has promised that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength". How precious is the solemn covering when the Lord condescends by his Good Spirit to visit our assemblies! How strengthening to the humble seeking mind!

And in our Meetings of discipline, if we are concerned to maintain the watch, we shall be very careful over our own spirits; we shall remember that it is the Lord's work we are engaged in, and that He is sufficient to carry it on to his own praise. Towards our brethren who differ from us in views, we shall exercise that charity that suffereth long, and is kind; we shall be preserved from being unduly tenacious of our own opinions, that fruitful source of difficulty, remembering that we ourselves are liable to err. Our meetings will thus be held in that dignity and authority which the

Truth leads into; and the business be conducted "with decency forbearance and love for each other". This is what we desire for ourselves, and for our dear friends everywhere

Our Meeting has been about as large as usual. We have the company of many of our young friends, whose becoming deportment has been comforting and strengthening to us. We have gratefully to acknowledge that we have been enabled to transact the various concerns which have come before us in much harmony and brotherly love.

With the Salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." We rejoice in the renewed evidence of your continued faith in the gospel, and of your love for the brethren, which the reading at this time of your acceptable (epistle) of the 10th Month last afforded; for, indeed, one is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren; and being united together in the promotion of the blessed cause of our Holy Redeemer, we are helpers one of another in the Lord; and, in the words of the Apostle, "Labouring for the hope which is laid up for us in heaven whereof we have heard in the word of the truth of the gospel, which bringeth forth the fruit of the Spirit to all who know the Grace of God in truth". We are thus as says the Apostle enabled to salute each other in the love of the gospel of peace, and to pray for each other that we may be filled with the Lord's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, and increasing in the knowledge of God, we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering; with joyfulness giving thanks unto Him, who has counted us worthy to suffer for his name's sake.

Lively and edifying Epistles have also been received at this time from our beloved transatlantic brethren, and from all our Yearly Meetings on this continent, except two. This interruption of the messages of brotherly love which has now continued for several years, is cause of deep concern to all rightly exercised minds among us, and cannot fail to grieve the tender spirited in other Yearly Meetings, who feel with ourselves the importance and benefit of this brotherly and christian intercourse; remembering it is said of them of ancient days, "then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those that feared the Lord and thought upon his name, and they shall be mine saith the Lord of Hosts in that day when I make up my jewels and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

Our minds are turned to Him who weigheth the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance, and who only can soften the hearts of the children of men, that he may in his own time interfere to help those who are estranged from their

brethren, into the oneness that is with the Father and the Son as set forth in that memorable prayer of our blessed Lord: "That they all may be one, as thou Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me", and may patience have it's perfect work in us, and we be enabled to know and do the Lord's will.

Our minds are drawn in tender love and sympathy towards you on account of your stripped and scattered condition. Many discouragements no doubt attend you on account of the smallness of your meetings, some of which in remote situations, are seldom cheered by the presence of the Lord's messengers, and you may be ready, oft times, to faint by the way. But, dearly beloved friends, remember the Lord's promises are yea and amen forever; and where two or three are gathered together in His name, there will He be in the midst of them. And we believe as the mind is turned to the great minister of the sanctuary, this blessing may be experienced in meetings held in silence.

We are engaged to encourage the beloved youth amongst you and us to faithfulness in all our Christian testimonies, and especially not to let the smallness of our numbers discourage the assembling for religious worship with those who have long borne the burthen and heat of the day: with a desire that a double portion of the spirit of the faithful fathers may rest upon them, as that of Elijah upon Elisha

We feel a deep interest with you in the encouraging prospect of your concern for the improvement of the Aborigines for whom you are concerned, with desires that the Lord may continue to prosper the work.

Our meeting has been well attended by our own members, with about the usual number of the beloved youth whose solid department indicates a love for a once crucified and now risen Lord. We have also been favored with the company of a number of concerned Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors of love for the welfare of the body of Christ have been salutary; and our various sittings have been, we trust, owned in measure, by the great Head of the Church; and under the solemnizing influence of His Holy Spirit we have been refreshed together and enabled to transact the various important concerns of Society in much harmony to the edification of the body in love.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting

Thomas Boyd Sobey Clerk

To North-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

We have again been permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to transact the concerns of Society that have come before us in much harmony and brotherly love. And while thus assembled, we believe that many hearts have been humbled under a renewed sense of the Lord's

mercies thus vouchsafed to us from season to season. We have also been made sensible that weakness and infirmity are ours, and that help is nowhere to be found, but in Jesus Christ our gracious Mediator and Intercessor. The language has been raised in many minds, "Lord make me to know mine end and the measure of my days, what it is, that I may know how frail I am". And while thus engaged we humbly trust that many seeking souls have heard the gracious words of the Savior sounded in their inward ears, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart."

We have to acknowledge that to the Church in many parts, this is a day of trial and deep proving. But as its members abide in watchfulness unto prayer, and are concerned to cast their cares upon Him who careth for them, we trust that He whose ear is ever open to hear the crying of the poor, and the sighing of the needy will arise for their help.

Our minds have at this time been dipped into sympathy for our brethren in the slave-holding states, residing as they do in the midst of those who yet withhold the rights, civil and religious, which belong to all men every-where. Still more deeply do we feel for the poor and oppressed slave, whose labor is often exacted by stripes, the stimulus being wanting which animates the minds of freemen. But God is just, as well as merciful, and therefore let us put our trust in Him. Let us in faith put up our petitions to Him, trusting in the sufficiency of His grace to do all things aright, and remembering the declaration of the Apostle, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Nothing, dear friends, but an abiding trust in Him, will qualify for effectual service in His cause. We believe that Friends have been made very useful in spreading the principles of universal freedom from oppression. And as they keep to the true foundation of those principles, even Christ the Rock of Ages, they will be made more and more useful in spreading the knowledge of God, and be favored to see more and more of that day wherein every yoke of bondage shall be broken, and the captive set free.

The remote and scattered situation of many of your members has, no doubt, had a discouraging effect upon the important subject of the guarded religious training of your children. We desire your encouragement herein, and are comforted in the belief that your Yearly Meeting's Boarding School is likely to be the medium of much useful knowledge to the youth of your land. And as there is an increase of concern felt among us to give our children a guarded religious education, we shall be brought to feel the necessity of making still greater sacrifices to accomplish so desirable an end. Obstacles apparently difficult, if not seemingly insurmountable, will be removed. And He in whom all blessings are, will still continue to bless us. Your salutary epistle of 11th month last, has been received, and read to our satisfaction and comfort, as well as epistles from other Yearly Meetings. We continue highly to value this Christian intercourse, and trust it may long continue between us.

Our meeting has been about as large this year as usual. We have had the

company of our beloved youth from different parts of our Yearly Meeting, who give encouraging hope that there is to be a succession of standard bearers in the Church.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

The relation in which you stand to us, has, at the present time, claimed the very weighty consideration of this Yearly Meeting - and fervent have been our desires that we might be rightly directed and clearly shown our duty towards you. We feel that it is not for us, in our own time, to determine upon the suspension of a correspondence, which, we believe, was commenced, and has been continued, in good measure, under the direction of the Great Head of the Church - and, as we trust, we have been enabled humbly to look unto Him to know His will in this matter, we have been brought fully to believe that it is our place again to offer you the salutation of our love - again to address you as brethren - again to assure you, that we know of nothing, on our part, that should interrupt the Gospel intercourse between you and us, as it has ever been maintained, until within the past few years, since the establishment of your Yearly Meeting. It is not for us now to express many words, but we can in sincerity say that we are open unto you - that we are drawn towards you in tenderness and love - and earnestly crave that you may witness the Grace of God to abound among you, bringing you into unity one with another and into true fellowship with all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity -

Brethren, farewell,

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

The reading at this time of your truly acceptable Epistle of 10th month last, together with similar testimonials of affectionate remembrance from our Brethren of other Yearly Meetings, has caused us to adopt the language, How precious is the love of the brethren!

We humbly trust we have afresh realized the goodness of our Heavenly Father in again permitting us to assemble for His worship, and the transactions of the affairs of the Church, and in still vouchsafing to us, through Him who is the Head over all things, and by whom we have redemption through His blood, a

renewed sense of his goodness, by which our hearts are cemented together, and our distant brethren united to us in the bonds of the Gospel

Our meeting has again been large, a goodly number of our young Friends being in attendance. May we not reasonably hope it will prove a profitable season to them, and that giving heed to the counsel which in love has been imparted to them, they will more and more see that "it is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth", and come to live closer and closer to Him, who will in no wise cast out any who come to Him?

While a lively interest has been manifested in the various concerns which claimed our attention during our several sittings, we have gratefully to acknowledge that unity and harmony have prevailed among us, giving us fresh evidence of the continued regard of our Heavenly Father, and encouraging us to believe that those who abide in the vine will become fruit-bearing branches

We would extend to you our sympathy and encouragement in your continued labours for the Indian and colored races. May we never forget that they are our brethren, having one common Father, the same Holy Redeemer; and may we never neglect to bear our testimony against every act that would oppress them, and continue to embrace every opportunity to improve their condition.

We share with you in earnest desires for the right education of the youth of our Society. We believe the concern is increasing with us, to impart to them such literary and religious instruction, as shall qualify them, under the sanctifying power of Truth, to fill in the community and the Church, the places, which, from year to year, are made vacant by the removal of their elder brethren.

But, dear friends, while we have much to encourage, we feel that it is no time to be at ease. The deficiencies in the support of our testimonies, as reported in the answers to the queries, show that the breaches in the walls of our Zion are to be repaired, and the weak places to be strengthened. Earnest have been the desires of many concerned minds amongst us, to be found faithful in this work. May the result show that their "labor has not been in vain in the Lord."

We renewedly feel at this time that the spirit of the world is enmity with God, and that his controversy is with much that would engross us. Yet help is laid upon One mighty to save. May we relying upon this help, guard against all the hindering things which may beset us, and not let the cares for the body which perisheth, the claims of business, the strife of the political world, or anything, turn our feet from the strait and narrow path, or close our ears to the inward voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it"

Finally, brethren, may we so unitedly follow Christ, that of us it may be said, "For your obedience is come abroad unto all men; I am glad therefore on your behalf, but" wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil."

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Asbury Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 12th; and at Newport for discipline, on second day morning the 13th of Sixth month 1853.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island — Rowland Greene, John Meader, David Hoxe, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, David Buffum, William S Perry, Edmund Chace, Timothy C. Collins, and Charles Atherton.

From Salem —— Elias Hasket, William Rogers Jr., Joshua Page, David Redman, Stephen A. Chase, Thos W. Brandike, Nathan Breed of Lynn, and Caswell Ordway.

From Sandwich —— Edmund Gardner, William C. Gibbs, Benjamin Pettis, Thomas Wood, Calvin Shepherd, Caswell Hoxsie, David K. Aiken, George Easton and John Macomber.

From Falmouth —— Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, Samuel Jones, Joshua Douglas, Elisha Jones, Jesse Crosman, John W. Minot and Henry M. Minot.

From Smithfield —— Thomas Dover, Waldo Earle, Edward Earle, John Osborne, Jonathan Cox and John C. Fry.

From Vassalboro' —— David Robinson Edmund Whitehouse, Joseph Gibbs, Stephen Jones, Josiah Jones, Aaron Buffum and Ebenezer Frye.

From Dover —— Timothy Hanson, Moses Roberts, Benajah Buffum and Josiah Fry.

From Fairfield —— Joseph Taylor Charles M. Bailey, Samuel Taylor Jr, Elijah Pope, David Dudley, Reuben T. Jones, David Douglas and Alden Sampson:

Whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes of Great Britain, certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Devonshire House, held in the city of London the 18th of the 3d month 1851, the Quarterly Meeting for London and Middlesex, held in London the 24th of 3d month 1851, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London by adjournment on the 19th, 20th, and 21st days of the 5th month 1851, were read, all expressive of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement in this land.

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends

Nathaniel Sands, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New York – Enos G. Pray, of Springfield Monthly Meeting Ohio – Joseph Haviland, of Nine Partners Monthly Meeting, New York – Jemima Benson, of Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio – Anna Shoemaker, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana, – Sarah M. Hiatt, of Duck Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana – and Mary S. Watkins, of Goshen Monthly Meeting, Ohio – certificates from their respective meetings were presented and read expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friends Joel Gilbert, accompanying our friend Anna Shoemaker; Rice Price, accompanying our friend Sarah M. Hiatt; James Brown, accompanying our friend Cordelia Bayes; Walter T. Carpenter, in company with our friend Jemima Benson; John P. Wood, in company with our friend Mary S. Watkins; Lydia Bell, companion to our friend Anna Shoemaker, and Mary J. Bailey, companion to our friend Jemima Benson, satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read.

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our friends Walter Penny Jay and his wife Mary Jay, of Mill creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and of Harriet Heese, of Cincinnati Monthly Meeting.

The London general printed epistle for 1852 has been read in this meeting, and its contents have been comforting and edifying to us, and we appoint our friends Samuel Boyce and Wm. C. Taber, to cause 3500 copies thereof to be reprinted and furnished in the usual proportions to the Representatives now in attendance of this meeting, to be conveyed to the Quarterly Meetings for the use and benefit of those within their respective limits, and report to a future sitting.

We have received truly acceptable Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and Indiana, manifesting that love which is the token of disciples of our Lord, and is very precious to us.

We appoint the following friends to take these Epistles into consideration and prepare, as way opens for it, epistles of reply thereto and present them to a future sitting. They are also requested to prepare an Epistle to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, from whom none has yet been received the present year. The Committee are also requested to take into deep and careful consideration the present position of this Yearly Meeting in relation to its correspondence with those meetings which have for several years declined to receive our Epistles and report their judgment on the very important questions connected therewith to a future sitting of this meeting, viz:– Rowland Evans, John D. Lang, John Osborne, John Meader, Thos W. Thorndike, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, Wm C. Taber, Moses H. Beede, Nathan Douglas, Dennis Jones, Joseph Taylor, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Henry M. Minot, Daniel Taber, Benjamin C. Jones, David Kelly, Gilbert Congdon, Estes Newhall, Newell Hoxsie, Moses Huntington, Jun., Daniel Sage, Isaiah Frye, David Buffum, Jonathan Dame, Stephen Jones, Isaac K. Sifford, Perez Peck,

David Shove, Thomas Grover, Thomas Jones, David Dudley, Enoch Page and James Jones.

By the accounts received at this time from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that Rhode-Island has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Atherton to the station of Elder, and with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah Greene to the same station - that Salem has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen A. Chase and Abigail Nichols to the station of Elders - that Sandwich has united with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William B. Howland, Wm. C. Taber, Hannah Tripp, Deborah Wing, Betsey B. Wood and Sarah W. Anthony to the station of Elders - that Falmouth has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Jane C. Minot, and in the appointment of Henry M. Minot to the station of an Elder - with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Amos Hanson and in the appointment of Samuel Jones, Mary K. Allen and Cynthia Hanson to the station of elders - and with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Stephen Cartland - that Vassalboro has united with Unity Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Asa Jones, and that Fairfield has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Patience D. Swan.

All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to forwarding to our Treasurer the Stock called for last year. We now appoint our friends Thomas Hawkes, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles K. Tucker, Samuel Jones, John Milton Earle, Daniel Taber, Albert C. Buffum and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the Treasurer's account - consider of a suitable sum to be raised for the use of this Meeting the present year and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

Our friend Rowland Greene on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, which being united with by the Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those stations.

We have at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Esther C. Weeks, who presented a certificate from Shappaqua Monthly Meeting, held in New-Castle, West-Chester County, New York, the 9th of 6th month, 1853, expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elizabeth C.

Underhill, companion to our friend Esther C. Weeks, of Hannah S. Murray; companion to our friend Cordelia Bayes, and of Rebecca Griffin, companion to our friend Sarah M. Hiatt. Satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were read.

The Records of this Meeting for 1852 were now read.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the meeting and read, received its deliberate consideration, was fully united with, the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee Report: That the school being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required. Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end. The several school rooms, lodging and dining rooms have been much improved and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the centre building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction.

Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution. Some other out buildings have been erected and some altered and better adapted to their intended uses.

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustibles of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn-house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed. The rebuilding of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary expenditures and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about $2,500.

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been $13,804,96.

The amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was $3,612, and since then, there have been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund $2732,75 - making a total of 6,344,75

Leaving an indebtedness of $7,460,21

We think it right to mention, that $2000 of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School.

We would propose that $6,500 - the sum received for the sale of land authorised by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of

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this indebtedness. – This sum of $6509 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorised, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution – we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid by the liberality of Friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the

School Fund during the past year	$6,936,40
From the Charity Fund	430.
From the Farm Fund	390.
From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one term, including a balance of $286,65 in Superintendents hands last year	4,915,14
And from other sources	1,388,44
Making a total of	$14,059,98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including $489,72 from Treasurer's account have been $12,555,76

The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is $544,01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about $2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the $6,500 as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be $1955,99.

In view of the accommodation of the Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each sex were as many as could be well provided for, and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the school was reopened, and 150 scholars, viz: 77 males, and 73 females have attended most of the time. A few who were admitted, from ill health or other causes, having failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Pamelia C. Varney, Lydia M. Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles H. Brownell as instructors in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the places of Teachers. Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of matron.

Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the School, besides our own members, those connected with our Society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will permit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only, who they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be $36, for members of our Yearly Meeting; $50, when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of any Society of other Yearly Meetings, and $64 for any others that may be admitted — that $5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing — payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term — books and stationary being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the School will be met.

We would propose that the summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term — that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty-two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term.

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine, how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the winter term — and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month for those wishing to attend the summer term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire

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it during the winter a succeeding summer term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the eleventh month last, viz: "It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of Children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the school as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give. We also would remind Friends, that sending pupils for a less time than one term can confer very little benefit upon the scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes. We desire that applications for such admissions may be discouraged.

Early after the opening of the school in the eleventh month, there were several cases of serious indisposition; one of which viz; that of Joseph H. Crocker, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally, after an illness of a little more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term, the scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents, and great unsettlement in the school. Many of the scholars were removed by their friends, and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the school, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the school house on first-day mornings - and that the family and scholars should continue on first day afternoon, and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness,

and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this school, the guarded, religious education of our youth.

We commend the Institution, with all its present advantages, to the increased attention of Friends.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the School Committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 31st, 1853."

We appoint our friends David Buffum, David Shove, Moses Huntington, Jr., Enoch Page, William Tiffed, Wm. C. Taber, Elisha Jones, Henry M. Mitchell, Hudo Earle, Smith Battey, Josiah Jones, Ebenezer Frye, Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Joseph Taylor and Charles M. Bailey to propose the names of Friends, to constitute a School Committee on the part of this Meeting, for the ensuing year, and report to a future sitting.

We appoint our friends Charles Atherton, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles K. Tucker, Joshua Douglas, John Milton Earle, Allen Frye, Joseph Brackett and Joseph Taylor to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 11th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment, the Representatives all present.

An Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, holden the present year, was received and read at this time, and is very acceptable to us. It is referred to the Committee on Correspondence appointed yesterday.

The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of our Religious Society as presented by the answers to the Queries that are annually propounded to Friends in relation to their spiritual health. These Queries are not intended to be answered in a formal manner, but under a deep sense of their searching nature, and of the importance to us of their close observance. It was expressed that Friends did not sufficiently realize individually the application of each Query to himself - and was not careful to bring it home to his own state and condition. As has been sorrowfully the case in times past, it still continues to be evident that there is not an abiding, practical sense resting upon the minds of all our members, of that dependence upon the mercy of our Heavenly Father - that continuing love to him - that would prevent any neglect of the attendance at our meetings for the purpose of worshipping Him who created us - who preserves us - who blesseth us or causeth us to wither as it pleaseth Him - "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart" - Does any one who realizes the force of this command doubt that it would be well pleasing unto Him for us to manifest this love before men by assembling with our brethren to wait upon Him - to bow humbly before Him the Omnipotent One - to beg of Him for preservation and help? Does any one say that that portion of our time which is necessary in order to attend our meetings appointed for Divine Worship in the middle of the week cannot be taken from

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our secular concerns and devoted unto Him who alone grants unto us all the time that we are permitted to enjoy on His footstool, and who will call us from works to rewards whenever it pleaseth Him? Does any one feel that it is safe for him to neglect this high and solemn duty and yet expect the blessing of the Almighty to rest upon him? Are we to expect the heavings of Heaven to be poured out upon us if we are neglectful of our duties unto Him from whom alone they come - preferring the things of this world and the treasures thereof, to the things that belong to our peace, and to the treasures of Heaven? Before our adorable Saviour fed the multitude of old he required them to sit down together in companies - to place themselves in a situation to receive in order for him to bless them with the food that they needed; and it was feelingly brought before us that as we are engaged in faith, and in fear to come before the Lord that He would be graciously pleased not only to bless us spiritually but temporally. The sacrifice formerly required was of the lamb without blemish, a whole offering - and as we are concerned thus to yield of our first fruits unto the Lord - as we seek first the righteousness of Heaven, He who knoweth that we have need of temporal things, who feedeth the young ravens and noticeth the sparrow, will care for us and supply us with all needful things.

The first Query like the first and great Commandment relates to our love to God, and the second Query, as the second commandment is like unto the first, and relates to our love one for another. Do we love God? We cannot then fail to love our brethren. "If thou love not thy brother whom thou hast seen how shalt thou love God whom thou hast not seen?" Can we realise the immense debt we owe unto God, and which he has for Christ's sake freely forgiven us, and not be ready to forgive a fellow-servant all the debt he owes unto us? Should we not be engaged to restore an erring brother to the path from which he may have strayed, and to help him that is lame? "Brethren if any among you be overtaken in a fault let him that is spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." Much pertinent and pathetic counsel and exhortation were offered by concerned brethren, now in attendance of this Meeting, in relation to the all-important subjects embraced in these queries, which we desire may rest abidingly with us - and we humbly trust the prayers of the Church have been put up in accordance with this exercise for the blessing of the Lord upon our absent members as well as those now assembled on this solemn occasion. Having proceeded with the Queries to the third, inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock in the afternoon.

In the afternoon Friends met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed and concluded the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining Queries and Answers.

During this engagement, under a solemn covering mercifully spread over us, tender and pertinent counsel was offered, encouraging Friends to a faithful maintenance of our Christian principles. Our vital testimony to the freedom of

the Gospel Ministry, as it has ever been held by us as a people, was impressively brought into view, and we were earnestly exhorted in no wise to compromise it by attending the meetings of those who are in the observance of practices in their mode of worship which we have ever believed are not required or sanctioned in the spirituality and purity of the Gospel. Parents were entreated to train up their children in the way they should go, and not by a mistaken indulgence permit them in their tender years to be diverted from the simplicity of the Truth as held by us and as practically observed in our manner of performing divine worship. We were affectingly reminded of the peaceful death-beds of all those who have walked faithfully before the Lord and have maintained through life the character of consistent Friends. These have been able to testify that in thus living they have found peace, and that they were owned at this solemn hour by Him who is the way, the truth and the life, the one ever blessed and adorable Saviour who died for us and rose again, and who remains to be the living Comforter and Guide of all those that put their trust in Him.

The following is a summary of the answers received -

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except in one instance in each of two small meetings which were omitted on account of sickness, and inclement weather, and instances in another small meeting on account of the age and infirmities of many of its members. On first days they are attended by the greater part of our members. Those held in the middle of the week, and meetings for discipline have been much neglected by some. A few instances are reported in two of the Quarters of entire neglect in the attendance of meetings to which some care has been extended. The hour is ready observed. Instances of sleeping are noticed in all the reports; also of other unbecoming behaviour, with a few exceptions. In four of the Quarters, some care is reported in relation to some of the above deficiences

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained, with a few exceptions, in which some care is reported. Detraction is mostly guarded against. Care is taken to end differences when they appear.

3d. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and from corrupt conversation. They are generally exemplary in these respects themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families

4th. Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicine. There are, however, three instances of their improper use mentioned in one report, in which care has been taken, and some exception is made in some of the others. Also of frequenting taverns, and places of public resort with a few exceptions, in a portion of the reports. Some care reported in one of the answers. Moderation and temperance appear to be observed on the occasions refered to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of learning; and Friends' children, with two exceptions, as far

as appears, have been placed among Friends.

6th. Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmanied appear to be careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline, with the exception of a few instances of marrying out of our Society, which are mostly under notice.

7th. Our testimonies recited in this query appear to be maintained with some exception in three of the Quarters with respect to attending places of worship of other religious societies, a contributing to the support of their ministry. Some care taken.

8th. Friends are careful in respect to the several parts of this Query, with a few exceptions. Some case reported.

9th. Our records are generally well attended to. A few removals without certificates, most of which are under notice

10th. Care has been taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried, although some delay is acknowledged in the accounts from two of the Quarters. We believe judgment has been placed in good measure according to discipline.

At the present stage of this meeting a very acceptable Epistle was received and read from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of North-Carolina, which is refered to the Committee on correspondence.

We are informed that our dear friend Cordelia Bayes has communicated to the women's Yearly Meeting that she apprehends she shall be released from religious service within our limits before the occurrence of our Yearly Meeting next year, whereupon we appoint Samuel Boyd Tobey, Stephen A. Chase, John Osborne, John Meader, Charles Atherton, John D. Lang, and Samuel Boyce to unite with a similar Committee appointed in the women's meeting to prepare a suitable certificate on her behalf

This Committee is also requested to prepare and present to a future sitting minutes for our dear friends now in attendance of this meeting from different Yearly Meetings on this continent.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 15th, the meeting again assembled according to adjournment. Representatives all present.

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the 11th Query was refered for consideration to our next Yearly Meeting.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding their meeting in the 2nd month at Worcester, be changed from 11 to 10½ o'clock A.M. with which this and the women's meeting unite — and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Quarterly Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that meeting, in relation to the various concerns

that have claimed its attention, were fully approved by this Meeting; and the minute of that meeting on the subject of slavery being fully united with is adopted by this meeting and directed to be printed, to be distributed among Friends and others, and the Clerk is requested to attend to this service. It is as follows, viz:

"The testimony of our religious society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favoured country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and, as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is we trust regarded by Friends as increasingly important.

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow-countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connection with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support.

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "One is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

A system thus characterised by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in any degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent - hence no compromises, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just or right.

We repeat - the testimony of the Society of Friends against slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone - with firmness yet with meekness - in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us - with no view to worldly advantage or to pleasure men, but with singleness of purpose as unto God.

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all-wise Providence, among the means by which, as it is hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then that we be faithful herein. We are engaged earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil."

The Friends now under appointment (with the exception of our dear friends Isaac Lawrence and John Rowland deceased) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on behalf of this Meeting in relation to the concerns of our religious society agreeably to the original powers and organization of that meeting.

Adjourned to 11 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed last year to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, to promote the general interests of our religious Society, and to labor for the restoration of love and unity as they formerly existed among Friends, made the following Report, which was fully united with by this Meeting, and with fervent desires that Christian patience may be abode in, and that in the Lord's time we may be permitted to witness the general prevalence of that harmony and unity among Friends every where, which have heretofore characterised us as a religious body, and under a deep concern that we may individually be very watchful to guard well ourselves, and to seek in humility for divine help daily, we now release our Committee from further service under their appointment:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed last year to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings, in conference, if way should open for it, Report:

That having as we trust been favored to feel the weightiness of the concern, and of our appointment under it, and increasingly so, as the time proposed for the meeting of the Committees drew near, we repeatedly met together, and sitting down and endeavoring to draw near to Him from whom right direction in our religious movements alone cometh, — our minds were solemnised together before him. And while every sentiment of our hearts was that of love, unity and sympathy with and for our dear friends of the Committee of the other Yearly Meetings who were about to meet, it was our conclusion that way did not open in the truth for us to meet with them.

We addressed to the conference the following letter which as it is expressive of our concern we make part of this report, viz:-

"To the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Indiana, to meet in conference in Baltimore the 9th of the present month.

Dear Friends — In view of the proposed meeting of the Committees of the several Yearly Meetings that have united in the appointment for the deeply interesting purpose of laboring for the restoration of harmony and love as they formerly existed among all the Yearly Meetings of Friends, the Committee appointed by New England Yearly Meeting have been solemnly engaged to know their duty in relation to this matter.

After very careful consideration, and we trust humble seeking to know the will of the great Head of the church, way has not opened with us to attend the meeting at the present time. We are however drawn towards you in feelings of close christian unity and brotherly love. We earnestly crave that you may witness the presence of our Heavenly Father to be with you — that you may be endued with wisdom from on high, and in a measure thereof be enabled to offer such counsel, or to adopt such measures as will promote the great purpose

of your appointment. Dear Brethren – our spirits are with you – our prayers are for you – our aspirations are fervent that your labours may be blessed to the Church

Accept the salutation of our love and sympathy, which are freely offered you.

Providence 5th mo. 3d, 1853."

This letter signed by all of us, was forwarded to the meeting of the Committees, and received by them, and a report from them to the several meetings represented in the conference has by their direction, been forwarded to us.

We consider this Report an important and interesting document, breathing the true spirit of the gospel, and calculated to promote the end Friends of the several Yearly Meetings have had in view, in the appointment of their Committees of conference, – and proper to be laid before our Yearly Meeting. It is herewith presented.

Our earnest desire and prayer to God is, that peace, harmony and brotherly love, the true fellowship of the disciples of Christ, may increase and abound again among us as a religious society.

Rowland Greene,
John Osborne,
David Buffum,
John D. Lang,
John Meader,
Samuel Taylor, Jr.
Stephen A. Chase,
Samuel Boyce,
Samuel Boyd Tobey.

Newport 6th mo. 14, 1853."

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"At a Meeting of the Committees of the Yearly Meetings of Friends of New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana* in Conference at Baltimore in the 5th month 1853, the following Report was adopted to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings represented:

Dear Friends:

Having been appointed under a lively concern, as we trust, to labor for the promotion of Truth, and for the restoration of harmony and unity in our beloved Society our hearts have been bowed under a sense of our own weakness and unworthiness, and of our inability to do anything as of ourselves

Earnest have been our desires, that we might be favored with Divine help, that we might be permitted to see clearly what was required of us, and how we might best fulfil the objects of our appointment.

In the review of the state of Society which has been brought before us at this time, and the course which has been taken by the Yearly Meetings represented in this conference to remove the sorrowful condition of things which is acknowledged still to exist, we have been brought to the conclusion that they have endeavored

* The Committee appointed by New England Yearly Meeting informed us that way did not open for them to attend.

faithfully to discharge their duty towards their brethren of other Yearly Meetings who differ from them, and that no way opens for this Committee at the present time to recommend any further labor in that direction.

Under the conviction that we have labored to do all that was required of us in the spirit of restoring love, let us be willing to leave the result in His hands who ordereth all things according to the counsel of His own will; while we continue to dwell under the concern, ready to embrace every right opening which may present to labor in so good a cause.

Seeing that these things are so, dear friends, let us turn our attention more carefully to our ownselves and our own Meetings. Is there not a work for us to do at home? Do not our own vineyards need to be cultivated? are we striving after that thorough change of heart, that entire dedication of soul which are so necessary to qualify us to labor availingly, as "the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in."

Does our love towards each other so abound that our escampées, as well as words, give evidence of it? Does a lively concern for one anothers welfare in the truth prevail? Are our meetings the precious opportunities they are designed to be? and is the accuser of the brethren cast out? In all that we do, are we careful to keep the eye single? are we striving so to watch over our own spirits as to guard ourselves and our friends from the entrance of any wrong thing among us?

Our sympathies have been awakened towards those of our dear Friends within the limits of other Yearly Meetings who feel themselves burdened by the state of things around them. We desire for them, that they may dwell in patience, seeking to know what is the Lord's will concerning them, that nothing be done without solid reflection, and that they may always be found to be the friends of good order, and the supporters of our Christian doctrines and testimonies, and discipline; willing to wait the Lord's time for their release, trusting that nothing shall be permitted to harm them, so long as they be followers of that which is good.

Closely united as we have been favored to feel in the exercises and travail which have prevailed during the sittings of this Conference, our hearts have been drawn out in love towards our absent friends, with fervent desires that Grace, Mercy and Peace may abound among them and us, and be our portion.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Conference.

Hugh Balderston, Clerk.

Baltimore, 5th mo. 10th, 1853.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings, families or individuals, as way might open for it, presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to this meeting.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings, families, or individuals, as way might open for, Report:

That they have given attention to their appointment. During the year

all the Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and the Committee's minute of appointment has been read therein; and a feeling of satisfaction manifested with their company and services.

Several of our Monthly Meetings, and the families of Friends composing some of these, and the families composing some of our particular meetings have also been visited to the relief and peace of the minds of the Committee; and, as they apprehend, to the encouragement of Friends.

The Committee believe that nothing would result from the continuance of a Committee for further service.

On behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Boyce,
Elizabeth Meader.

Newport, 6th mo. 15th 1853."

— and under a continued and renewed concern for the strengthening of the hands of those that may feel weak, and in near sympathy with our beloved friends who may be in lonely situations, and connected with small meetings, we now appoint the following friends to visit, if way should open for it, all our subordinate meetings, and such families and individuals as in the ordering of truth they may be drawn unto, mingling with them in christian love — and report to this meeting next year, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, David Dudley, Benjamin S. Jones, Smith Battey, Rowland Greene, Jacob C. Wing, John L. Long, Nathan Douglas, Gilbert Congdon, William K. Sowle, Orwell Foxsie, John Osborne, Stephen Jones, William J. Rowland, Thomas Grover, Edward Grove, John Meader, Winslow Hawkes, Lemuel Gifford, Moses Huntington, Jr., James Jones, Estes Newhall, Samuel Jones, Joseph Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Stephen C. Chase, Isaac K. Gifford, Orwell Conway, David Kelly, Daniel Sage 3d., Samuel Taylor Jr., Reuben Jones, Peter Peck, William C. Tabor, Thomas S. Gifford, Daniel Tabor, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy Hanson, Edward S. Dillingham, Thomas W. Shrandlike, Charles M. Bailey, David Buffum, Edward Coale, Samuel Brown, Edmund Chace, Henry M. Minot, Allen Sampson, Joseph Tabor, James McLaughlin, Elisha Jones of Windham, Benajah Buffum, William S. Perry, Charles Atherton, Stephen Dillingham, Mattiah Gifford.

Women's Committee. — Susan Rowland, Avis Keene, Ruth C. Baker, Elizabeth Meader, Anna D. Wing, Abigail M. Hanson, Elizabeth Grove, Mary B. Hannum, Mary Shove, Lydia K. Kelly, Phebe K. Gifford, Patience D. Swan, Rachel W. Jones, Lucy J. Hawkes, Mary C. Reed, Elizabeth Gifford, Eunice Day, Hannah Pope, Ann Jones, Lydia F. Goddard, Rhoda Rowland, Mercy K. Wing, Ruth Bassett, Ann Elmira Long, Elizabeth Sage, Hannah D. Sawyer, Sarah S. Sampson, Elizabeth A. Osborne. 7

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts, &c. Report — that we have attended to that service and find a balance due the Treasurer of three thousand, one

hundred eighty five dollars twenty one cents. We propose the sum of two thousand dollars to be raised for the ensuing year, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

Micajah C. Pratt,
On behalf of the Committee.

Newport, 6mo. 15th, 1853."

—which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and in accordance therewith our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of $2,000 and pay the same to our friend David Buffum whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed last year to solicit subscriptions for the benefit of the Boarding School made the following Report which is satisfactory, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed last year to solicit contributions to the fund for repairs on the Boarding School Estate, Report, That they attended to their appointment, and in addition to the amount reported last year, they received (including a donation of Two thousand dollars from our late friend George Howland) Twenty seven hundred and thirty two dollars and seventy five cents, which, as directed by the meeting, was handed to Thomas Markness as Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,
Joseph C. Peckham.

Newport 6th month 15th 1853."

The Committee to select the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee, proposed that the Friends appointed last year should be continued with the addition of our friend Thomas Markness, Treasurer of the school fund—which being approved by this meeting they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the women's meeting in superintending our Boarding School, to report to this Meeting next year.

[The Committee Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland Jr., William C. Taber, Samuel Jones, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Seton Sofie, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Aden Sampson, Samuel Sayer Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed of Lynn, David K. Aiken, Thomas Markness, Eunice Metcalf, Sarah H. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam H. Breed, Rhoda Rowland, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia K. Jones, Jane L. Minot, Mary B. Hannum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Eunice Lang, Theodate H. Sofie, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe W. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Sayer, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Lydia K. Kelly, Annie T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary C. Breed, Susan Howland and Mary Williams.]

A Testimony of Westport Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Anna Macomber was read, and being approved by this meeting, it was directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 16th, the meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Committee on the correspondence Report, that they have taken the subject referred to them by this meeting in relation to the correspondence with those Yearly Meetings which for several years have declined to receive our Epistles into their solid and careful consideration, and that way has not opened at the present time to prepare epays of Epistles to those meetings. This Yearly Meeting is brought very solemnly to feel the importance of this conclusion, and a full and free expression was made in which there was manifested a feeling of love towards our dear brethren of those Yearly Meetings as professors of the same faith - engaged for the support of the same precious testimonies of Truth - and a fervent desire that the day might not be distant when in the free flowings of Gospel love we may be permitted again to resume and continue a correspondence which we have ever highly valued, and which, as conducted under right influence, tends to bind us together in the bonds of christian fellowship. With a desire that every opening for good, and for the restoration of harmony, may be embraced, this meeting now commits the subject to the Meeting for Sufferings, that if in the wisdom of Truth way opens for it, it may address the several Meetings for Sufferings of Friends - manifesting to them the continued openness and love of this meeting towards our brethren of the two Yearly Meetings referred to, and explanatory of the reasons for our not addressing them at the present time.

The Committee of this meeting on the subject of Education made the following Report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us - viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education Report: That by accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, there are, within our limits, of children between the ages of

4 and 16 years	1,079
Between 16 and 21 years	471
Monthly Meeting School	1
Preparative Meeting School	1
Family Schools	6
Friends' children attending Friends' Schools	184
" " " Mixed Schools	1,023
First day Schools, kept the past year, under the care of Friends	27
Average continuance of these schools, 5 months	
Number of children attending the same,	626
" of " who are members of our Religious Society	350

There are also within the compass of the Yearly Meeting, several schools taught by Friends, and under their control, which are attended by the children of Friends in considerable numbers, but which are principally composed of those

not members of our Religious Society.

In the minute of our appointment this Committee was encouraged to attend the semi-annual examinations at the Boarding School, but it is known to Friends, that, in consequence of sickness at the school, in the fourth month last, no examination has been had since last year, and it is mainly owing to this circumstance that no meeting of our Committee was held during the recess of the Yearly Meeting. Our several meetings at this place however have been attended with interest by a considerable number of Friends, and we believe that a concern remains, lively and unabated, in the minds of many amongst us, to promote the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth.

While we fully believe that the amount of literary instruction received by the younger members of our society at the present day is considerably greater than that obtained in former years it has appeared to the Committee to be worthy of the serious consideration of Friends whether the elevation of our standard is not an object towards which greater exertion and more persevering effort should be directed. Some of the youth amongst us are entering upon the duties and responsibilities of life with a limited share of learning, while we are persuaded that their welfare as individuals, as well as that of our society, would be promoted, were the benefits of a substantial literary education more generally bestowed upon them.

The concern of our early Friends that the children of the poor should "freely partake of learning" evinced in some degree their estimate of the importance of the subject, and the good account to which many of our worthy predecessors applied their literary acquirements, and the benefits which, under the Divine blessing, resulted to us as a people, and to the cause of truth therefrom, afford to us cause of gratitude and thankfulness, and an example richly worthy of our imitation

We cherish the hope that the Boarding School at Providence may continue to receive the fostering care and encouragement of Friends, and that their children may, as far as is practicable, enjoy those advantages for a guarded education which we believe it is calculated to afford. The adoption by the Yearly Meeting of the recommendation of the School Committee that pupils should be allowed to attain a maturer age than eight years, before they can be admitted to this School, while it meets our cordial approbation, afresh awakens our solicitude for the proper training of our beloved children, while under the parental roof, during this early period.

Their tender minds are then susceptible of impressions, and are prepared for the reception of counsel and instruction which will go far to mould their future destiny. At this critical age a large proportion of our children are in attendance of mixed schools. We have desired that Friends, under a weighty sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, in the right training of their beloved offspring, may endeavour assiduously to guard them against

the injurious influences which improper associations at school, during their tender years, are calculated to exert.

From accounts received at this time it appears, that, upon the subject of First-day Schools, Friends are manifesting increased interest. Eight new schools have been established since our last report. We believe that the influence of the kind of instruction imparted in these schools has been favorable, and that they have been productive of good to those who have attended them, either as pupils or as teachers. The difficulty of procuring a series of suitable books for the use of the members of these schools, adapted to the capacities of the children, and free from any thing of an objectionable nature, has, in many places tended to the discouragement of Friends engaged in this undertaking, and the Committee would respectfully suggest whether the consideration of this subject may not properly claim the attention of the Yearly Meeting.

In conclusion, we can scarcely forbear the expression of a desire, which has pervaded many of our minds, that all of us who, whether as parents or as teachers, are intrusted with the responsible duty of training the minds of our dear children, may seek to have our own hearts imbued with the love of our Heavenly Father, and may frequently apply to ourselves, as a test of qualification for this important service, the query addressed to Peter: 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him: Yea Lord thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him - Feed my lambs.'

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Henry J. Wood, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1853."

"The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to give its attention to the suggestion contained in the report in relation to supplying first day schools with suitable books. The Committee are continued under appointment and this meeting desires their encouragement, and they are requested to report to this meeting next year. Charles F. Coffin Jr. of Salem Monthly Meeting, William Tucker, of Dartmouth, Abner R. Sprague, of Uxbridge, Daniel D. Bailey, of Litchfield, and Olney Thompson, of Dover Monthly Meeting, are added to the Committee in place of those removed from the different Monthly Meetings, as appointed on the School Committee.

The Committee on the subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting to a more central place for holding its sessions, made a Report, which was received and read. The subject was deliberated upon and discussed with much condescension and evidence of tenderness and love one unto another, and while many Friends believed the time was near at hand when it might be best for this Meeting to convene at a more central point, other Friends did not see it yet with clearness, and the judgment of the Meeting was that the further consideration of the subject be referred to our next Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

1853.

Sixth day morning the 17th, the Meeting again convened at the appointed hour.

The Representatives all present.

We appoint William P. Rowland correspondent of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in place of our late dear friend, John Rowland, deceased.

The Committee for that purpose prepared and presented to this Meeting the following certificate for our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes which is united with and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf, viz:

"To Devonshire House Monthly Meeting, the Quarterly Meeting for London and Middlesex, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London—

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes, has attended our Yearly Meeting at the present time, and presented her certificates from your several Meetings, which have been read and accepted in our Meeting.

We receive this our dear friend, thus recommended by you to us, as a sister beloved in the Lord, and are engaged to certify respecting her, that her labours of love in the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, have been sound and edifying, as well as comforting to us.

Her serious and consistent deportment has been satisfactory, adorning the doctrine she has delivered to us.

We feel much sympathy with her in her arduous labours and travel in her present engagement, and earnestly desire her continued preservation, and that when the services to which she has been called by her "divine Master on this side the water, shall have been accomplished, she may be restored to her family and friends, and to the bosom of the Church, in her native land, in the enjoyment of that peace which Christ giveth."

They also presented the following minute for our friend Nathaniel Sands, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf and also similar minutes for our friends Enos G. Pray, Joseph Wayland, Jemima Burson, Anna Thornburg, Sarah M. Hiatt, Mary S. Watkins, and Esther C. Weeks, viz:

"Our beloved friend Nathaniel Sands attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Joel Gilbert, and also similar ones for our friends Rice Price, James Brown, Walter S. Carpenter, John P. Wood, Lydia Bell, Mary S. Hadley, Harriet Shute, Walter Denny Jay and Mary Jay, Elizabeth C. Underhill, Hannah S. Murray, and Rebecca Griffin, viz:

"Our beloved friend Joel Gilbert attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, presented the following Repot, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, repot:- That their situation has at different times claimed our attention, and recently two of our number have visited many of them at their homes and examined their farms and dwellings, enabling us from personal observation, with satisfaction, to inform that they are really improving in domestic comforts and in the cultivation of their lands.

Their personal appearance was more cleanly, and the dress of many of them, very nearly in conformity with that of their white neighbours. We passed through the different apartments of several of their best finished and painted houses, and found them comfortably furnished with the various kinds of furniture usually found in the houses of the whites around them, and generally in these examinations we were struck with the appearance of neatness and taste.

Their lands were also observed to be better worked than in former years and more of the labor was found to be performed with their own hands. Some of them have oxen and horses with which they do most of their ploughing &c.,- and a few of them have cows.

Their grass fields look well and promise an abundant harvest. Owing to the absence of their agent, we were not able to obtain the aggregate amount of their crops last year, but were informed that it was more than in any former year.

We have also the satisfaction of informing that in the course of the past winter there was a school among them of eight weeks duration, taught by an educated Indian, in which, it is said, the children that attended made good improvement. At the time of our visit a school was in operation on their Island, taught by a protestant female, in which were 18 children present, though 49 were on the teacher's list. We spent a few hours very pleasantly in this school witnessing the different exercises, and familiarly imparting such counsel and encouragement to both teachers and scholars as appeared likely to be useful, which was respectfully received on the part of the former, and listened to with marked attention by the latter, who appeared to be making good improvement,- and most of them were well clothed and appeared cleanly in person.

The School is supported by a grant from Government, and so well supplied with books that no pecuniary aid from the Committee appeared needful at that time, hence we have not drawn on the treasurer for the money appropriated last year by the Yearly Meeting in furtherance of the concern.

We think if the concern for the improvement of this interesting portion of the human family should so rest with the meeting as to induce them to appoint a Committee to attend to it there would usefulness result therefrom. And should the meeting see its way to adopt this proposition, we would propose a small sum, say fifty dollars, be placed at their disposal to aid in carrying

ent the concern.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
Joseph Tabor.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1853."

— which is interesting and satisfacting to this Meeting, and the Committee are continued under appointment, and authorised to draw $50 from the treasury and apply it in the manner indicated in the report.

The Committee for that purpose report that the London General Epistle has been reprinted. The Representatives are requested to convey them to the several Quarterly Meetings, and the Committee is authorized to draw the cost from the Treasury.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

We your Committee to whom was committed the concern of the Meeting last year for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, Report, that the subject has claimed much of the thoughts and concern of the Committee, with desires to improve every right opening, that may lend to encourage their improvement in civilised life, and also to believe that one is our master even Christ, and all we are brethren, and although way has not opened for any special action the past year, yet we believe it best to recommend to the Yearly Meeting to continue their care and concern still longer for this poor and needy portion of our fellow beings. All of which we submit.

On behalf of the Committee,

John D. Lang,
Samuel Taylor, Jr."

Newport, 6th mo. 16, 1853.

— which is acceptable and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee are continued under appointment with desires for their encouragement, to embrace every right opening to benefit this interesting and injured portion of the human family.

Essays of Epistles to our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on correspondence, and being approved the clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

In the Epistle received at this time from our friends of New York Yearly Meeting we are informed, that the address of John Knowles, Correspondent for Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting, is changed to North Ferrisburgh, Addison County, Vermont.

Our friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting inform us in their Epistle that they have made the following appointments of correspondents, viz: Mark Mills, for Fairfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana, in the room of David Whitson

who requested to be released. Address, Spring Valley, Marion County, Indiana.

Jesse Wilson for Backcreek Monthly Meeting in the room of Mathew Winslow, who has removed out of its limits. Address, Grant Post Office, Grant County, Indiana.

Charles Henshaw, for Three River Monthly Meeting. Address, Three River, Polk County, Iowa.

Henry Hunt, for Mill Creek, in the room of Samuel Jay, who has requested to be released. Address, Union, Montgomery County, Ohio.

Hershon Perdue for Fairfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio. Address, changed to New-Martinsburgh, Fayette County, Ohio.

Charles Stroud, for Springboro' Monthly Meeting, in the room of James Stanton, deceased. Address, Springboro', Warren County, Ohio.

Benjamin Thomas, for New Garden Monthly Meeting, heretofore addressed by the name Benjamin Thomas, Jun. Address, New Garden, Wayne County, Indiana.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from the minutes, and sign them on our behalf.

We appoint our friends John Meader, Charles Atherton, Joseph Metcalf, and Stephen A. Chase, to unite with the Clerk in making such extracts from our Minutes as they may deem suitable, and cause an edition of 2500 copies to be printed for distribution among Friends.

Having been favored through the whole course of this Yearly Meeting to witness an extension, as we humbly trust, of the mercy of our Heavenly Father towards us, renewed from time to time as we have come together, which we acknowledge with reverent thankfulness, and having been enabled to dispose of the various important concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in much love and brotherly condescension, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey. Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island from the 12th to the 17th inclusive of the Sixth Month 1853 - to other Yearly Meetings of Friends: -

To the Yearly Meeting of London -

Dear Friends,

In feelings of brotherly love and near unity, we have to acknowledge the receipt of your truly cordial greeting by Epistle of 5th month, 1852, which was read at our first sitting, and later in our Meeting, your equally acceptable communication of last month. We have read them both with feelings of regard

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and esteem for you as brethren beloved in the Lord.

"Brethren pray for us." Such was the fervent desire of an Apostle, addressed to one of the primitive Churches of Christ. He felt the need of the prayers of his fellow believers; and surely the weary pilgrims of the present day, equally, at least, with him, needs the availing help of his brethren, manifested in the same manner. He who is almighty in power, is equally the hearer of prayer in this day as in former days. We have adverted to the testimony of the Psalmist, who, in addressing the High and Holy One, exclaimed: "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come." Verily his ear is open unto the cry of his people. He will speedily hear them, as in all humility and abasedness of soul, they approach his throne of mercy, and in the all-availing name of Christ our Saviour, our mediator and advocate with the Father, ask for ourselves, and for one another, the blessings we so much need, even that he would preserve us as on the right hand and on the left, in heights and in depths, and in all the perils and temptations which beset our paths. We must ask in faith, living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith is the gift of God. It is not of ourselves. It must be sought after, labored for, in solemn introversion of soul as before the Lord, humbling ourselves under his mighty hand. It must be cherished and valued as above price, for indeed, saving faith in Christ is a treasure of priceless value, that faith that works by love and purifies the heart. By it, mountains of opposition are brought low, and the humble traveller is enabled, as he clings fast to it, to overcome all his souls enemies.

Our meeting at this time has been large, and from time to time during its continuance, the Lord's power has been felt amongst us to the tendering of many hearts, and to the consolation of many brethren whose chiefest joy is, and has long been, that our beloved Society might be preserved on the ancient foundation - that stone which the builders rejected and which has become the head of the corner.

The feet of many of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings have been turned our way, and their labors of love in the Gospel of Christ have been comforting to us.

Our young friends have been exhorted to seek the Lord, now in the morning of their days, and by dedicating their all unto Him and to his service, to prove Him to become unto them "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption", so that when the heads of those already white with the frosts of many winters, shall have been laid in the silent grave (whither we are all hastening) they may be prepared to take upon them the burthens which the elders have long borne - and finally, having been faithful in the few things committed unto them, be found worthy to follow them to a peaceful inheritance in a future world, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

Some among us, we believe have been favored with a deep and humbling sense of the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, in the forgiveness of sin - that in very deed, God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing

their trespasses unto them, and has committed unto us, as says the Apostle, the word of reconciliation - even that God for Christ's sake hath forgiven them. How precious it is to be assured that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May such as have witnessed his goodness, strive to love Him with all their hearts, trust in him, pray unto him, live near his blessed spirit, and thereby confess Him before men, that they may be confessed by Him, before his Father and the holy angels.

We may, we trust, acknowledge that during our meeting, a sweet degree of unity and love has prevailed. We desire that so great a favour may produce in us grateful hearts to the Author of every blessing, and that with renewed strength, we may bend ourselves to the discharge of our Christian duties, in the ability which God giveth.

Slavery and its concomitant evils and miseries have appeared to us at this time to call for continued remonstrance on our part. That an evil so mighty, so inconsistent with the precepts of Christ, should be cherished and upheld in a land favoured as we are with so much of gospel light is cause of mourning indeed, and that the cause of legislation should be directed in any way to its support, has afflicted our minds with much concern.

We have adopted a minute prepared by our Meeting for Sufferings on the subject of Slavery, which we annex as a postscript hereto.

We have had at this Yearly Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friend Cordelia Bayes from your Yearly Meeting.

In christian love we salute you and are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Ireland -

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the 4th month last has been received at this time, together with epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, the reading of which has been to our comfort and encouragement, and our distant brethren have been brought near to us in the love of the gospel. It is, we trust, in the fresh flowings of this love, that we again salute you, desiring that grace, mercy and peace, may more and more abound, through God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our meeting has been large, and during the several sittings thereof, we have in mercy been favored to feel that the great Head of the Church has been near, bringing our hearts into tenderness and contrition, and refreshing us with a little of the gentle distillings of the dew of Heaven.

To the quickened and truly awakened mind Christ is indeed precious, and we have been during this meeting impressively reminded, that unless we are born again, we cannot

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see the Kingdom of God. Unless we know of being broken to pieces under a humbling sense of the sinfulness of our nature, as we stand in the fall, unless we know of being created anew in Christ Jesus, all our profession will be unavailing - and we are comforted in the hope that notwithstanding weaknesses abound, there are those both among you and us, who have seen the sinfulness of that state thus described by the Apostle, whose desires are that they may have fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. If such as these, who have through grace attained to this heavenly fellowship, it is said, that the Spirit itself beareth witness with their spirits that they are the children of God; "And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

May we then beloved friends be concerned to hold fast the profession of our faith, and not be weary in well-doing. And although, when we meet together in our annual assemblies, as well as at other times, it may please the Head of the Church to baptise us together again and again, let us look to him for help to enable us patiently to abide these baptisms, taking courage from his declaration to the disciples formerly: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me."

Let us then continue to keep near the blessed head of the Church, dwelling in lowliness and humility, and we believe strength will be given from time to time to labor availingly for the promotion of his blessed cause.

The subject of Slavery has claimed our serious consideration. Feeling desirous that our testimony in relation thereto may be faithfully held up to view, our meeting has prepared and adopted a minute, expressive of our concern, a copy of which we herewith forward you in a postscript.

We have had the company at this time of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have mingled with us in Christian feeling, and whose labours of love in the Gospel have been comforting and edifying. Our hearts have been bowed in humble thankfulness for this renewed evidence of our Heavenly Father's love, and we have been favored to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and condescension. To the Lord alone be all the praise.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk

To New-York:

Dear Friends,

We have again been permitted to meet in this our annual assembly, and we feel bound to acknowledge, that thro' the goodness of the Lord, we have been comforted together, and we trust it has been to many a season of renewal of spiritual strength. To Him be the praise to whom alone it is due!.

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been received and read among

us to our comfort and edification. The expression of your sympathy and brotherly regard was truly cordial to our feelings. We received it as a fresh evidence of that love which has hitherto existed between you and us, and which we trust will continue to bind us together as brethren of the same household of faith. And in the trials which have been our portion, we have received it as a proof of the tender regard of our Heavenly Father that the minds of our brethren in other Yearly Meetings should thus be opened in love and fellow feeling towards us. As members of one body, of which Christ alone is the Holy Head, we reciprocate the sentiment expressed in your epistle that when "one member suffers all the members suffer with it." The fellowship of the Gospel is truly precious, and we fervently desire that between you and us it may never be interrupted or broken.

And we may also express our desire in relation to those who have become separated from us, that we may always be so endued with Christian forbearance, as to keep the way open for our being brought together on the same ground of Gospel fellowship, that thus love and unity may bind us together, as in former days, and make us truly every where a people.

In reviewing the state of Society within our borders as exhibited in the answers to the queries, although it was cause of humiliation that the reports from five Quarterly Meetings show so little evidence of improvement in relation to the deficiences which we are still painfully constrained to acknowledge, yet we have the consolation of believing that the travail and exercise thus brought upon the body is calculated to stir us up to a more lively feeling in relation to our duty towards those who are the cause of this concern, and of feeling that in this season of searching of hearts, the Great Head of the Church was pleased to be near, and to cover the assembly with a solemnizing sense of his presence.

Under this feeling we were afresh made sensible that we owe allegiance to Him, and that it is our reasonable duty to render unto Him that worship which is his due. A neglect to assemble ourselves with our brethren for this solemn purpose at such times as may interfere with our secular concerns, gives evidence that the heart is not fully given up to serve Him who created us for his own glory. And we believe that many of our members, as well as yours, are peculiarly liable from the engrossing nature of their avocations, to yield to this temptation.

If such could become sensible how great is the privilege of withdrawing from the busy scenes of life, of shutting out the world with its cares, and sitting down with their minds in retirement of spirit before the Lord, how unwilling would they be to be deprived of it.

We unfeignedly feel that the Christian life is a life of warfare. The world, the flesh and the devil will ever oppose the spread and growth of the Redeemer's kingdom. We cannot serve God and mammon.

We fear that the love of the world in this day, is drawing many among us from the love of the Saviour. And we know that we have an unwearied adversary who goeth about, like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Yet we have this consolation, that if we are truly the followers of the Lamb, greater is he that is for us, than he that is against us. The weapons of our warfare are

not carnal but spiritual. They are mighty thro' God to the pulling down of strong holds, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Brethren, farewell! May the Lord Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep, dwell richly in your hearts by his Spirit, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Abbey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Being again permitted to meet for the ordering of the affairs of the Church, we have been refreshed and comforted together, by the reading of your epistle of the 10th month last, as well as by the messages of love of a similar character received from our brethren of other Yearly Meetings.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that the present occasion has been one of divine favor to us - one in which the sweet influences of a Savior's love have been felt to pervade our assemblies in a very comfortable degree; and under its cementing influence we have been favored to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and christian condescension. We have also to commemorate the mercies of our Heavenly Father in that he has qualified and strengthened many of his servants to preach Christ and him crucified - to speak of his loving kindness, and to call, warn and exhort their fellow members to a life of holiness, and to the acknowledgement of their dependence upon him as their Lord and Master. May we with thankful hearts, ever bear in mind His multiplied blessings, and, wherever situated, and under whatever discouragements and trials, may we be favored so to dwell in His fear that we may experience the canopy of his love to be abidingly extended over us.

Among the subjects that have claimed our attention at this time, and have called forth the feeling sympathy of the concerned members of our Society, has been the institution of slavery, as it exists in some parts of our otherwise highly favored land. May we all, dear friends, endeavor so to mind the leadings of the Holy Spirit in this, as well as in other movements for the good of our fellow beings, as to testify unto all that we desire and travail in to promote the coming of the Kingdom of Christ, and the present and future happiness of all men both bond and free. A minute was adopted by this Meeting, setting forth the religious ground on which Friends have heretofore moved in this concern, which we annex in a postscript.

The condition of our portion of the Militant Church, as presented to us at this time, discloses many deficiences, which have called forth much expression of concern from concerned members of the body, and, under the feeling thus produced, we trust that notwithstanding our many short comings, there are those among us, who have been renewedly strengthened and encouraged to continue the warfare even unto the end.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey – Clerk

To North-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

Our present Yearly Meeting has been a season of refreshment and comfort to many of us. We have been brought very near to each other in love and through the continued mercy of our heavenly Shepherd we have been enabled, as in former years, to dispose of the different subjects which have claimed our attention, in harmony, for which we desire to be truly thankful.

Your acceptable epistle of 11th month last, has been received and read to our comfort and edification. We are glad to learn that your concern and interest for the people of color remain unabated, and that you are engaged to embrace every opening in the truth, to plead the cause of this oppressed portion of our fellow beings. May you dear friends, with ourselves in all our civil and religious engagements, seek to be clothed with that spirit, that breathes "on earth peace, good will toward men". May we so abide in Christ, the true Vine that the fruits of his Spirit may be more abundantly brought forth by us.

The account you give of your Boarding School is interesting to us. We cannot doubt but that Institution has been a blessing to many of the dear children within your borders; and we rejoice to hear that the interest among your members for its support is increasing. We feel much solicitude for the youth both among ourselves and with you. May we all, dear friends, be engaged to discharge our whole duty to this interesting portion of our beloved society. May parents be diligently concerned to bring up their tender children in the way they should go, prayerfully seeking day by day to have their own minds seasoned with grace, that they may be qualified to impart suitable counsel and advice to them.

We tenderly sympathize with you in your varied trials, and very deeply do we feel for, and with you. May patience have her perfect work in all of our minds. Let us not seek relief in our own way or time – but in humility look to Him who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities, and who alone is able to direct our steps aright. "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace be with you."

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey – Clerk

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To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of last year has been received and read in our meeting to our comfort and edification.

Our meeting has been well attended by our own members from the different parts of this Yearly Meeting. We have likewise had the acceptable company of many Friends from different Yearly Meetings, which to us affords a renewed evidence that the welfare of Zion is dear to many! and may we not hope increasingly so, not only to the aged, and the middle aged, but also to many of the beloved youth. Thus the heart of the poor pilgrim is made to rejoice in the belief that there are still to be those who prefer Jerusalem to their chiefest joy.

In reviewing the state of society as brought into view by reading the answers from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are made sensible of deficiences in the faithful maintenance of several of our Christian testimonies. Friends were exhorted and encouraged to greater watchfulness and diligence, and in true Gospel love were we entreated to yield up our own will to his will, and to become the true disciples and followers of Him, who, in the days of his flesh, declared, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light". We hope always to keep in view this saying of the blessed master, "Without me ye can do nothing", as well as this never failing promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee." A living concern has been felt and expressed in this meeting that we may all endeavour to keep low and humble, and be very careful not to reach forth the hand unbidden to steady the ark, notwithstanding we may apprehend that there is danger of its falling.

O for the exercise of that faith which is the gift of God, in which we have a sustaining trust that all things will work together for the good of them that love Him. A broken and contrite spirit are of great price in the sight of God: meekness, gentleness, patience and charity are to be the adorning of the Christian, as he walks through this vale of tears, remembering that we have in Heaven, a glorified Mediator and Intercessor who is ever ready to help us in our extremities.

We feel that this present Yearly Meeting has been one of favor, and we are bound to acknowledge that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us." The several subjects that have come before us, have been disposed of in much harmony and brotherly condescension. We feel that we have cause for deep and reverent thankfulness in the remembrance of the many mercies that have, from time to time, been vouchsafed to us; and may we not hope, that, as we are engaged to enter in at the straight gate, and strive day by day to walk in the narrow way we shall be favored with the light of Christ to direct us in the pathway of true holiness, and thereby be preserved from leaning to our own understandings.

It has been the exercise of this meeting that all the testimonies of this Society might be upheld and maintained upon true Christian grounds.

We are encouraged to believe that the attention that Friends have given

for a long time to the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquodda tribes of Indians, residing within our limits, has been blessed to them.

The Indians located west of the Mississippi still continue to claim an interest in our feelings and sympathies, and although way has not opened for active service in relation to them, we have thought it best to continue our Committee with a view to embrace every right opening to do them good.

In conclusion, dear friends, we bid you an affectionate farewell, desiring that grace, mercy, and peace may abound both with you and us.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

N.B. A minute on the subject of slavery, found on 169th page of this Book, was appended, in the form of a postscript, to each of the preceding epistles to different Yearly Meetings for 1853.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth on first day the 11th; and at Newport for discipline on second day morning the 12th of 6th month, 1854:

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island — Rowland Greene, Joseph Metcalf, John Mauran, David Buffum, Jacob Chace, Thomas S. Gifford, William S. Peny and Gilbert Congdon.

From Salem — Estes Cromwell, Stephen M. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Joshua Page, William Rogers, Jr., Nathan Read, Stephen Reed, Obed Chase, Thomas Folsom and John Page.

From Sandwich — Edmund Gardner, Samuel Gifford, Isaac N. Gifford, Moses H. Rogers, Isaac Newland, Jr., Otis Norman, Jorge Easton, David Kelly, John W. Gifford and Edward G. Pickingham.

From Falmouth — Thomas Jones, Abram Winslow, Stephen Swett, Henry M. Minott, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, Elisha Jones, Ezekiel Varney, Jr. and David Winslow

From Smithfield — Thomas Jenks, James N. Fry, John Osborne, John Milton Earle and Paul Aldrich.

From Vassalboro — Stephen Jones, Daniel Taber, Josiah Whitbrook, John Estes, 3d, Joseph Taber, John D. Lang, Edmund Gates, Ebenezer Frye and Josiah Jones.

From Dover — Cyrus Bangs, Josiah Frye, Benajah Buffum and Ezra Gould.

From Fairfield — Samuel Sayer, Jr., David Douglas, Nicholas Hall, Aden Sampson, Caleb Davies, Levi Jones and Joseph Taylor, whose names being called, they were all present except two — for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Nathan C. Haag, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana; John L. Eddy of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Huron County, Ohio; Joel Bailey of Penisenah Monthly Meeting, Vermont; Lewis Haviland, of Oblong Monthly Meeting, New York; Abigail K. Haag, in company with her husband, Nathan C. Haag, and Naomi Coffin, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana — certificates from their respective meetings were presented and read expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elijah Coffin, who accompanies his wife Naomi Coffin; Reuben L. Roberts, companion to our friend John L. Eddy, and Richard T. Osborne,

companion to our friend Lewis Maitland, who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings.

The London printed Epistle for 1853 was laid before us and read, and was comforting and edifying to us; and in order that the families within our limits may have the opportunity of perusing it, and commending its interesting and instructive contents to their serious attention, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and George Howland, Jr., to cause 3500 copies to be reprinted and forwarded to the several Quarterly Meetings, in the usual proportions, and report to a future sitting.

Interesting and acceptable Epistles addressed to us by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana, were received and read, and we renewedly felt that this annual correspondence between those professing the same faith, as conducted under right direction, is very precious and calculated to strengthen the bonds of Christian brotherhood and love - and we appoint the following friends to take the same into consideration, and, as way opens for it, prepare & pass a reply on behalf of this Meeting, and present them to a future sitting, viz: - Samuel Boyce, John Osborne, William C. Taber, Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Rose, John Milton Earle, Stephen A. Chase, Gilbert Congdon, John P. Lang, John Meader, Eli Jones, Nathan Dungee, Benjamin H. Jones, Newell Hoxsie, Henry M. Minott, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Page, Stephen Wood, Joseph Holden, Stephen Jones, Thomas Grover, Jacob H. Vining, Joseph Davis, Isaac P. Gifford, William S. Perry, George Howland, Jr., William A. Robinson, Misses H. Wood, Richard Bailey, Thomas S. Gifford, Rowland Greene and Thomas Jones.

All the Quarterly Meetings report that they have given the necessary attention to raising the Stock called for by this Meeting last year - and we appoint our friends Thomas Chalkley, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles P. Tucker, Elisha Jones, Samuel H. Colton, Ebenezer Frye, Cyrus Bangs and Alden Sampson to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a suitable sum for the use of this meeting the ensuing year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Lee Almy, and in appointing Josiah Peace and Anne Arnold, to the station of Elders - that Salem has united with Weare Monthly Meeting in disowning Nathan G. Chase, from that station - that Sandwich has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Almy, Elizabeth Slade and Anna C. Almy, to the station of Elders - that Dartmouth has united with Dunkard Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Tarney, Charity Chapman and Mary Tarney Jr. to the same station - that Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving

the public appearances in the Ministry of Smith Bailey, and that Dover has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary T. Meader, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Benajah Buffum, to the station of Elder.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

4 Afternoon — Friends convened pursuant to adjournment.

Thomas Jones, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had consulted together and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Boon, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for 1853, were now read.

The Report of the Committee on a change of place for holding this Meeting, being referred by minute of last year to our consideration at the present time, it was now again read and accepted, and the Committee was released from further service in the case — and we now appoint the following friends, being two for each Monthly Meeting, to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting to take the whole subject, with the facts presented to this meeting by its former committee, into their solid and careful consideration — and report their sense and judgment thereon at a future sitting, viz:

Stephen Chase, Jacob Mott, William Reynolds, Rowland Greene, Jacob H. Vining, Obadiah Chase, Thomas Harkness, Joseph Metcalf, Timothy C. Collins, Hezekiah Babcock, Samuel Boyce, Nathan Bond, Francis Nelson, Daniel Beede Herod Chace, Joshua Sage, David K. Aiken, Hewes Hoxie, Moses T. Rogers, Edward S. Little, Edmund Gardner, David Kelly, Isaac C. Sisson, Benjamin Peter, Daniel Macomber, John Macomber, William C. Taber, Caleb C. Tucker, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Jones, Nathan Douglas, Thomas Jones, Elisha Jones, Ezekiel Varney, Jr., Abram Winslow, Mark Knight, John Osborne, Richard Bailey, Edward Earle, John Milton Earle, Reuben A. Wheeler, James N. Fry, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Hoyt, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathaniel Hawks, Cyrus Bangs, Walter Sawyer, Benajah Buffum, Josiah Hoyt, Ezra Sweet, Stephen Beede, Joseph Taylor, Eleazer Burbank, Aden Sampson, William Hart, David Douglas and Samuel Taylor, Jr.

The Report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting

The committee to apply to Salem Monthly Meeting and ascertain what accommodations that Meeting will extend to this Yearly Meeting, in order for its holding its sessions there, and on what terms — make a definite estimate of what buildings will be required to be erected by this meeting, and what other arrangements may be necessary, and at what costs — also what portion of the expense can be obtained by voluntary subscription, Report, That

Salem Monthly Meeting will extend the accommodations, and upon the conditions set forth in the following Extracts from their minutes, Viz:
And your Committee further report that it will be necessary to erect a Meeting House which they propose to be built of wood &c. sixty by eighty feet, a plan of which has been obtained, together with the estimated cost which is sixty-seven hundred dollars.

They issued, at rather a late period, a circular to ascertain what portion of the expense could be obtained by voluntary subscription, but the returns not having been completed, they cannot make a definite report on this subject; but by Friends from five of our Quarterly Meetings we have received information that they are disposed freely to contribute their share of the expense of the House in the usual proportion of Yearly-Meeting Stock.

We have with respect to "what other arrangements may be necessary" deputed a few Friends from our number who visited Lynn and made careful enquiries, and personal examination as to facilities for board &c. and find that accommodations can be had for the board of Friends, say for Six hundred within from less than one quarter to ~~one~~ half of a mile from the Meeting House, and eighty-five nine not much over half a mile, and within from one and a half to a little over two miles, three hundred and forty-seven more; and at Nahant three and one quarter miles distant from 500 to 1000.

A memorandum of particulars on this subject is in the hands of the Committee.

We apprehend the number of Friends usually in attendance of the Yearly Meeting at Newport to be about 750.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee
Samuel Jones Clerk.

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"At Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Lynn, 12th of 8th month 1852.

The Committee to confer with the Committee of our Yearly Meeting respecting accommodations for holding the Yearly Meeting within our limits, presented the following Report, Viz:

"To Salem Monthly Meeting—

Pursuant to our appointment we have conferred with the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to accommodations for holding the Yearly Meeting within our limits, and have consulted with Friends of Salem and Lynn Preparative Meetings, respecting the use of their Meeting Houses, and with Friends of Lynn in relation to the use of a lot of land belonging to that Preparative Meeting, upon which the Yearly Meeting may erect another house — It appears, that should the Yearly Meeting deem it best to hold its Sessions in Lynn Friends of Salem and Lynn will be willing, that their

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Meeting Houses may be used for that purpose free of expense; and that Friends of Lynn Preparative Meeting, will be willing to grant the use of the lot of land adjacent to the one upon which their Meeting House now stands, for the purpose of erecting a new Meeting House thereon, to be used for the purpose of holding the Yearly Meeting, for the sum of Sixty dollars per year. The lot of land referred to, would in the judgment of the Committee be sufficiently large and commodious for the purpose, and the location thereof is in their opinion suitable and proper.

On behalf of the Committee.

Lynn 8 mo. 11th. 1852.

Estes Newhall
Samuel Boyce
Nathan Breed
Miriam Newhall
Avis Keene
Stephen A. Chase.

which is satisfactory; and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee of the Yearly Meeting, with a copy thereof, together with an extract of this minute.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid—

Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

We appoint our friends Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Pratt, Wm. C. Jones, Abram Winslow, John Milton Earle, Daniel Jaber, Ezra Gould and William Hare to prepare a summary of the answers and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning the 15th, the meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present except one.

The meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries received from the several Quarterly Meetings. The answer to the first query, as to the discharge of the paramount duty of worshipping our Almighty Father in secret, gave evidence as in former years, that there was with some of our members a neglect of manifesting their care to be found faithful in this engagement by assembling before men for this purpose — and deep and lively was the concern of divers exercised on this account. We were impressively reminded of our dependence upon God for every thing pertaining to this present life — that from His bountiful hand cometh every blessing — and that we are to render unto Him an account for all that He is pleased to intrust to us. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" was the injunction of the Apostle — an injunction perpetually binding upon every believer in Jesus. Have we faith in God, without which it is impossible to please Him? Do we

abidingly feel that He is not only a rewarder of all those that diligently seek Him, but that it is His prerogative to shut His hand when it pleaseth Him and to withhold from us those blessings without which we must wither and perish? "Take no thought, saying, what shall we eat, or what shall we drink or wherewithal shall we be clothed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you". These were the Saviour's own memorable words - will we not in faith receive them? Are we not willing so to put our trust in Him as to yield unto Him whatever he is pleased to require of us? Will we not heed the blessed invitation - "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it?"

We were renewedly brought to feel that it is a reasonable service to meet together for religious worship in the middle of the week - to devote a portion of that time usually given by the world to secular concerns, to a public manifestation of a sense of our dependence upon and trust in Him who alone is our preserver, by withdrawing from these pursuits and meeting together to worship Him - and we were tenderly entreated not to suffer ourselves to be diverted from the performance of this duty either by a love of the world and the things of the world on the one hand, or by a feeling of poverty on the other, which might lead us to believe that we should derive no benefit from the sacrifice, or that we have no offering to make that can prove acceptable. The declaration of our Saviour should be continually remembered for our encouragement "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." We were tenderly entreated to look confidingly unto the Lord - to put our trust more unreservedly in Him, realizing that the hour is near when we are to leave all things that pertain to this present life and to enter upon the realities of the life to come. Have we an evidence that we have passed from death unto life? Do we love God supremely and do we truly love the brethren? Those that can respond affirmatively to the first portion of this inquiry will find their hearts filled with love to their brethren - love to God and love to man are inseparable - we cannot love Him whom we have not seen if we love not our brother whom we have seen. Fervent have been the desires expressed in this meeting that our members in all their different locations may be renewedly awakened to a sense of the importance of the first two queries, that they may bring them home to themselves individually and answer them in that sincerity which a sense of [illegible] our responsibility unto Him who knoweth our hearts is calculated to inspire. A concern was earnestly expressed that friends might be helpful one unto another - remembering that when one member suffers all the members suffer with it - and

that, in that love which becomes us, we might take each other by the hand, and in the ability that may be granted, help each other forward in our journey towards Mount Zion, as we are rapidly and inevitably progressing towards the termination of the journey of life. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in the family circle, collected for this important purpose and for solemn waiting on the Lord was feelingly recommended - with an expression of the firm belief that those in this practice do experience themselves to be strengthened thereby, and find therein true comfort and consolation.

Having proceeded with the Queries to the 3d inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

In the afternoon Friends met by adjournment, and, under, as we trust, a merciful covering of solemnity proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining queries and answers. Faithful responses to these searching and important queries developed, as in former years, deficiencies in the support of some of our various testimonies, and a lively concern was manifest in the meeting on this account. All the different testimonies which our religious society has felt itself required to bear, we have no doubt are firmly based on Christian ground - and Friends were entreated not to shrink from a faithful support of them, although in so doing in relation to some of them we may be brought to appear peculiar and distinct from the world. The experience of this Society fully demonstrates that this very peculiarity has proved a hedge of safety about us, and that loss has been sustained by those who have disregarded it. Friends were exhorted to undiminished zeal in the observance of those Christian practices which our Discipline enjoins - that the standard of Truth may be still faithfully upheld by us before the world.

The following is a Summary of the answers received, viz:

1st. Our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held with the exception of nine small meetings in four of the Quarters, and that in two other Quarters a few omissions are reported in one small meeting in each. These omissions were chiefly occasioned by sickness and inclement weather. Those on First days are attended by our members generally, while mid-week meetings, and those for discipline are more neglected by a portion of our members. The law is nearly observed. Generally clear of unbecoming behaviour, a few instances of sleeping excepted. Some care is reported to have been taken.

2d. Love and unity appear to be maintained with a few exceptions, and detraction is * * * * guarded against by most Friends. When differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3d. Most Friends are careful to bring up those under their direction

in plainness, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and they are generally exemplary in themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

4th. Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medical purposes with some exceptions however in all but two of the Quarters. Six of the Quarters report clear of frequenting taverns and places of public resort - the other two make some exceptions. Moderation appears to be maintained on the occasions referred to in the query.

5th. The circumstances of the poor and such as appear likely to need assistance are inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business with the exception of two or three cases reported in one of the answers. One instance is reported of a child being placed out from among Friends.

6th. Parents and Heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that proceedings in respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. Exceptions are reported in three of the answers - in some of which care has been taken.

7th. Our testimonies appear to be maintained in these respects except a few instances of young Friends attending other meetings, reported from one Quarter, and an instance of a few young Friends attending a military parade from another. Some care is represented to have been taken in these cases.

8th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this query.

9th. Four of our Quarterly Meetings report that care is taken in regard to records - in the other four some exceptions are made. Some removals without certificates are reported in the answers from all but one of the Quarters.

10th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in a good degree as queried after, and judgment appears to have been placed when necessary according to discipline.

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading of the answers now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our Subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are requested to be faithful in the exercise

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of our Christian Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approved, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings - and our friends Samuel Boyce, Joseph Metcalf, Edmond Chace, Caleb Jones, Joseph Wing, Charles K. Tucker, Ebenezer Frye, Wm. A. Robinson, Alden Sampson, John Milton Earle, Stephen Beede, John Estes 3d., John Page, William Reynolds, John Osborne, Henry M. Minot, Joseph Taylor, Walter Sawyer, Ezra Gould, Hezekiah Babcock and Moses Bailey are appointed to propose to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to compose a School Committee for the ensuing year.

It is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars - 12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Term, attended the school.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them. Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward S. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamelia C. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst; - Gertrude E. Whittier, also, taught the French Language - and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Pamelia C. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot. Elizabeth

Cooper has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

Orderly department has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward and Matron, has been continued in operation during the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as proposed, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness and usefulness of the school. It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which, at the time of the general repair alluded to, no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school on First Day mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee. The department of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted by the Committee to the trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee respecting our late beloved friends Moses Brown, William Almy and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer, as we trust, to that source from whence alone true consolation and support

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come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of matron, and at time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund	$6,710 40
From the Charitable Fund	460 00
From the Farm Fund	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, stationery, &c. including $76 21, from sales of some small articles	10,316 00
	$17,876 40

The expenditures of the Institution have been:

By the Treasurer, for fire insurance,	165
Interest on $6,500; borrowed from the Farm Fund, $390, and on other indebtedness of the Institution, $205 70/100	595 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18,718 79
	19,479 49
At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution was	1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of	1,603.09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of	$3,559.08

Beside the indebtedness of $6,500 to the Farm fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting - $60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, & the children are being brought up as Friends, & are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings - and $80 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing.

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term - books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost.

We add hereto, the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz: - 'As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of

each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the eleventh month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term, and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer Term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the eleventh month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term.

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means for improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavour to promote its interests.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Month, 30th, 1851."

Adjourned to 10 o'clock this morning.

Fourth day morning, the 14th. The meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except two.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various important concerns that have claimed its attention, were very interesting to us, and fully approved by this Meeting. The address on Peace, prepared by that Meeting, having received our full consideration is cordially approved and adopted, and our friends Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, Jr., and William C. Taber are appointed to cause 10,000 copies of it, (or such number as they deem suitable,) to be printed for general circulation.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to prepare minutes on behalf of our friends with certificates now in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings

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Our friends Charles Atherton, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Osborne, Stephen A. Chase, Rowland Greene, Ebenezer Frye, Thomas Jones, David K. Aiken, Stephen Jones, Allen Sampson, Joseph Baker, Henry M. Minott, Joshua Sage, Richard Bailey, Samuel Tefft, Charles K. Tucker, Thomas Greene, Edmund Chase, Daniel Fry, Elisha Jones of Windham, William Tefft, Daniel Page, Samuel Taylor, Jr. and David Buffum are appointed to propose, at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon met by adjournment.

The Committee appointed last year to visit subordinate Meetings, families and individuals, Report: viz:

"To The Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to visit subordinate Meetings, families and individuals, Report:

That they have during the year endeavored to give such attention to their appointment as way has opened for.

All our Quarterly Meetings have been visited, and most of the other subordinate Meetings, and many of the families of Friends, and some individuals.

In these visits the Committee have met with a cordial reception, and there is ground for believing, that their labors have been to the encouragement of Friends; and we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Committee be now released from further service. On behalf of the Committee

John Osborne,
Abigail M. Hanson.

Newport, 6th month, 13th, 1854."

- which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Committee is accordingly released from further service under their appointment.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's accounts &c. Report - That we have attended to the duties of our appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer of Seventeen Hundred and eighty eight dollars and 43 cents ($1788,43)

We propose that the sum of Two thousand dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting the year ensuing, and the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee,
Saml. M. Colton.

Newport 6th Month, 14th. 1854."

- which is satisfactory, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of $2000, and pay the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting, which has long been felt for the improvement of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians, embracing of late years, that of the Passammaquadda Tribe also, made the following Report viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now in Session:

The Committee having in charge the concern of this meeting, for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passammaquadda Tribes of Indians, report, that their situation has from time to time, claimed their serious and deliberate consideration, and our influence has in various ways been extended to promote their improvement. The School referred to in our last report, was continued three months during the summer, and a portion of the past winter, under the supervision of the superintending School Committee of the town, and from the information received, the improvement therein made has been satisfactory and encouraging.

Unavoidable circumstances have prevented some of our number from visiting them, as they had contemplated, therefore, we are not able to furnish so definite an account of their situation as at some former periods. On behalf of the Committee.

Newport, 6th month, 14th 1854. Stephen Jones. "

— which, with the verbal communications made by the Committee, was interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, showing an advancement in civilization and education, especially with the Penobscot Tribe. Our Committee is continued under appointment and encouraged to attend to the concern of this Meeting as way opens for it — and the pecuniary appropriation made last year, not having been required by the Committee, they are at liberty to call upon our Treasurer for the same amount the present year, should they deem it proper to apply it.

[Committee — John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Alton Sope, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr. and Eli Jones.]

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting to propose the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, viz: Howland Greene, Estes Newhall, James N. Fry, John Osborne, David Buffum, Jerez Beck, William Reynolds, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Isley, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Edmund Chase, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Abraham Baker of Riverton, Thomas Hartnell, Stephen Jones, David K. Akin, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglas, William Hall, William C. Taber, Robins Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Haviland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones, Charles Atherton, Walter Sawyer, Allen Sampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Reed, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Dulley, Ebenezer Frye Jesse Chapman, Henry C. Chinell, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Sage, Charles K. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, which being satisfactory to this meeting, they are appointed to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year — to act on behalf of this meeting in its recess in such cases as are contemplated in the organization and

appointment of such Meeting - and when members of the meeting are prevented from attending any of its sessions they are encouraged to make some communication to the meeting in relation to their absence.

A Testimony of Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Elizabeth Wing, was presented and read, and was very satisfactory to us, bringing her sweetly to our remembrance - and with desire that her Christian example may be imitated it is directed that the memorial be recorded.

A Testimony of Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting, approved by Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Hannah Dennis, was read and was truly satisfactory. Her memory is precious to us, and we are brought sensibly to feel that she has been with us as a Mother in Israel. It is directed that the memorial be recorded.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon the 15th, the meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present as yesterday -

The Committee appointed to consider the important subject of a change of place for holding this Meeting made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take the whole subject of the removal of this Yearly Meeting, with the facts presented by former committees, into consideration, report, that they have taken the subject into their serious, solid and deliberate consideration, and after a free expression of feeling and sentiment in regard to this highly important question, characterized by Christian harmony and brotherly condescension, they were generally united in proposing, and the proposition was acquiesced in by all, that this Yearly Meeting be removed to Lynn, and that its first sitting there be held in the year 1857.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

Newport, 6 mo., 15, 1854."

- Which is satisfactory to Friends generally, but in consideration of the responsibility of this Meeting in relation to the property held by it in trust for benevolent, charitable and religious purposes, and the question arising whether a change of place for holding this meeting may in anywise invalidate this trust, no positive decision as to a removal was made; but the Meeting for Sufferings was requested to make careful, legal inquiry upon the above question, and should it be necessary to procure any additional legislative enactments in relation to said trust property, it is empowered to endeavour to obtain them on our behalf and report to this meeting next year.

The Committee appointed at a previous sitting proposed the names of the following Friends to constitute a School Committee, which being approved

they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year to act on our behalf in the government and superintendence of the Boarding School, to report to this Meeting next year.

School Committee.— Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry McMinott, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Long, Alton Pope, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, (of Lynn,) David R. Aiken, Thomas Hawkes.

[Women's Committee.— Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam H. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Mercy R. Wing, Lydia C. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Hamm, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Long, Theodate L. Pope, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe W. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary Williams and Elizabeth Meader.]

The Committee on Education made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the subject of Education report, That accounts have been received from all the Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of 4 and 16 years	1,114.
Do. do. 16 and 21 do.	485.
Monthly Meeting School,	1.
Preparative Meeting School,	1.
Family Schools,	9.
Friends' children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such,	219.
Ditto attending mixed Schools,	1191.
First Day Schools kept the past year under the care of Friends,	30.
Average continuance of these Schools, 5 months.	
Number of children attending the same,	787.

A number of Schools wholly under the tuition and the control of Friends are attended by the children of our Society in considerable numbers, who are doubtless receiving in a good degree the benefits of a guarded literary education, but as these Schools are principally composed of those not in membership with us, the number of Friends' children placed there has been enumerated in the report with those who are in the attendance of mixed schools.

While the above account exhibits but slight addition to the number of our youth heretofore reported, who are obtaining an education in Select Schools, we have still reason to believe that the interest felt by Friends upon this very important subject is slowly but certainly increasing. The facilities now offered by the Boarding School, at Providence, are we trust, in a good degree appreciated by

Friends, and we cherish the hope that they will continue to embrace, to their full extent, the advantages for the guarded education of their children which we believe it is calculated to afford. Three additional Family Schools have also been established since last year, and we are desirous of encouraging Friends to embrace such opportunities as may be presented, of opening schools for young children in individual families, or by uniting the children of several families - which may be favorably located for the purpose - into one school - and thus secure to their beloved offspring the means of acquiring the elements of a literary education, free from the injurious influences which associations in mixed schools, would, at this tender age, be likely to exert.

It also appears from the accounts received at this time, that the interest manifested by Friends upon the subject of First Day Schools, continues unabated, and an additional number of children are reported as having attended these schools during the past year.

We would respectfully urge upon nightly concerned Friends, the importance of their attendance at these schools as regularly as circumstances will permit, thereby manifesting to the children their interest in the cause they are endeavouring to promote, and at the same time, exhibiting a concern that the schools may be properly conducted, to the honor of Truth.

The series of text books for the use of these schools, proposed by a Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings, to whom the subject was referred last year, will we hope, become general in our schools, so far as they may be useful to facilitate Scriptural instruction, and their adoption is recommended by this Committee.

We have at this time been afresh impressed with the importance of our children and young friends being more fully and faithfully instructed in the Scriptural foundation of the doctrines and distinguishing views and practices of Friends. Have we not reason to fear that a considerable proportion of our children are spending an important and most impressible period of their lives without obtaining a due knowledge of our Christian principles, and thus qualifying themselves to give with meekness, a reason for the faith that is in them. Timothy of old was commended in that from a child he had known the Holy Scriptures, in which he had been instructed by a pious mother, whose unfeigned faith is also the subject of commendation by the same Apostle. Might not the occasions which we trust that Friends frequently embrace for family reading and Scriptural instruction, be fit opportunities for shewing to our children the entire accordance of our testimonies with the doctrines of the New Testament.

Although but little may appear to have been accomplished by us for the advancement of the cause of Education, yet we believe that it may be useful again to entrust this concern to a Committee.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee, Henry J. Wood, Clerk

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—which is interesting, satisfactory and encouraging to us—and the Committee, with the addition to supply vacancies of our friends, Stephen Swett, Harrison Magoon, Gold Brown, Jonathan Mitter and Levi W. Hoag, are continued under appointment to attend the important service committed to them by this meeting—and desired to report next year.

Committee on Education.—Stephen Grace, Jenge Bowen, Charles W. Earle, Jonathan Freeborn, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Hoag, James Dennis, Samuel Austin, Abel D. Collins, Timothy C. Collins, Joseph S. Nichols, David Rodman, John Page, Thomas M. Thorndike, Josiah D. Wallis, Thomas Folsom, David Kelly, Stephen Dillingham, Stephen N. Wing, Samuel Brown, Moses H. Rogers, Abraham N. Wing, George Easton, Jesse M. Francis, Abner Potter, Jr., Abraham Macomber, Adrian Davis, Mary S. Hood, William R. Taber, Mary M. Minott, Rufus Easton, Nathan Dorcas, David Gould, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abram Winslow, Smith Bailey, Thomas Shove, Enoch Hoag, Samuel H. Potter, John C. Fry, David Babcock, Joseph M. Cole, Charles Coggeshall, Robert Goddard, Elijah Winslow, Asa Jones, Joseph Taber, Walter Sawyer, Joel Bean, Cyrus Beede, Edward G. Hoag, Isaiah Frye, Albert G. Buffum, Moses Winslow, George Richardson, David Douglas, Daniel Shepherd, Abner Dawson, Jacob Pope, Charles H. Coffin Jr., William Tucker, Abner K. Sprague, David R. Bailey, Stephen Swett, Harrison Magoon, Gould Brown, Jonathan Mitter and Levi W. Hoag.

Women's Committee.—Mary Dennis, Dorcas B. Robinson, Hannah Lawrence, Catharine C. Rhines, Phebe Reynolds, Sarah Slade, Amanda M. Buffington, Mary Ann Collins, Elizabeth Peckham, Lydia Pope, Anne A. Chase, Ruth D. Wallis, Susan L. Brown, Sabina A. Page, Mary J. Pope, Elizabeth Dillingham, Rhoda G. Wing, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd, Rhoda R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Lydia C. Earle, Barbara Gifford, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah M. Easton, Mary Gifford, Sarah W. Anthony, Sarah A. Earle, Hannah W. Grover, Anna K. Colton, Elizabeth Southwick Rebecca W. Fry, Sarah C. Fry, Patience B. Winslow, Hannah N. Meader, Esther Jones, Amira C. Sutherland, Mary Brackett, Nancy Cartland, Maria Pope, Eunice Day, Lavinia Fry, Phebe Taber, Patience Goddard, Rachel N. Jones, Hannah K. Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Abigail M. Hanson, Ruth Sawyer, Cynthia Buffum, Mary J. Hussey, Abigail C. Beede, Sarah Hoag, Phebe Taylor, Olive Wing, Betsy J. Bailey, Mary H. Bailey, Lydia Shepherd, Sarah W. Talbage, Abigail Wheeler.]

A Testimony from Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, approved by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late, ancient and beloved friend, Stephen Nichols, was read—and is very acceptable and satisfactory to us—and it is directed that it be recorded—and with a view to extend to our members and others, the benefit to be derived from the perusal of the Memorials received at this time, with such as may have been heretofore received by this Meeting, not yet published, this Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause such number as it deems proper, to be printed and distributed

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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Seventh day, morning, the 16th. The Meeting mostly opened pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present except three.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Nathan C. Hoag, and similar minutes for our friends, John L. Eddy, Joel Bailey, Lewis Haviland, Abigail K. Hoag, and Naomi Coffin, viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Nathan C. Hoag, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Elijah Coffin, and similar minutes for our friends, Reuben L. Roberts and Richard J. Osborne, viz:-

"Our beloved friend, Elijah Coffin, attended this Meeting. His company and solid department have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, presented the following report, viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi river, report:- That they have endeavoured to give attention to the object of their appointment, feeling a lively interest in the best welfare of this poor, unfortunate portion of our fellow beings, and an earnest solicitude that some way might open to do them good. But nothing has appeared within the past year to warrant any active service on the part of the Committee for their assistance. It is feared, however, that measures are in progress to unsettle and finally to remove them still further, (to quote their own language used in one of their Councils on a former occasion with feelings of grief and dread,) towards the setting sun and to the precipice, as the last foot of soil for the poor Indian to tread would be taken from them, so that they who were once like the sturdy trees of the forest, will be left to wither and fade as the tender grass of the field;"- and while the prospect of aiding this down-trodden people appears discouraging, we hope the lively interest and concern on their behalf, kept up for many years past, will continue to rest with unabated weight and care for them in future. All of which is submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

Samuel Taylor, Jr.

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- Which was interesting and acceptable to us; and in view of the present situation of those tribes, in consequence of the recent legislation of our General Government, the sympathy of this Meeting for this oppressed class of our fellow men was fully expressed, and with strong desires that we may be found faithful in embracing every opening and in making every proper exertion for their protection and relief, we appoint the following Friends to attend to this concern, and they are authorised to consult with the Meeting for Sufferings, should they deem it useful to do so, and that Meeting is requested to attend to the subject on our behalf, viz:- Stephen A. Chase, John Meader, Samuel Tayda, Jr.,

John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Isaac Mowland, Jr., Eli Jones, Wm. C. Tabor, Charles Atherton, David Buffum, and Joseph Bartland of Dover.

We appoint our friend David Buffum, correspondent of Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting, in place of our friend Jethro F. Mitchell, deceased. Address — Newport, Rhode-Island.

By the Epistle received at this time from our brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, it appears that the following changes have been made in correspondents, Viz:

Levi Moody for Deer-Creek Monthly Meeting in Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in place of Silas Dixon, deceased. Address — Paoli, Orange Co. Indiana.

John B. Pickett for White River Monthly Meeting, in Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in place of Benjamin C. Diggs, deceased. Address — Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana

Eli Overman for Pipe-Creek Monthly Meeting, Northern Quarter. Address — Marysburg, Miami Co., Indiana.

Greenbury P. Wood for Red-Cedar Monthly Meeting, in Salem Quarter. Address — Peace, Cedar Co., Iowa.

The Committee for that purpose report that the London General Epistle has been re-printed and furnished to the Representatives for the several Quarterly Meetings.

Epistles of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina, and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on Correspondence, and being read and approved the Clerk was directed to sign them on our behalf and forward them to those meetings respectively.

An interesting and very acceptable Epistle from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London, addressed to us and issued the present year, was received at this stage of our meeting and read.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gilbert Congdon are appointed to unite with the Clerk in making suitable extracts from the minutes of this meeting and in causing an edition of 3000 copies to be printed and forwarded to subordinate meetings.

The Clerk is authorized to make any necessary extracts from our minutes and sign them on our behalf, and he is requested to add a postscript to our Epistles to Baltimore and Indiana, communicating the concern of this Meeting for the Indians west of the Mississippi.

Having been favored satisfactorily to dispose of the various concerns that have claimed our attention, we are now about to separate for the present year, and we feel it right to record our grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended to us, during the various sessions of this Meeting, preserving us in unity and love — and under feelings of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, we now conclude, proposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 11th to the 16th inclusive of the 8th month, 1854 - to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:-

To the Yearly Meeting of London-

Dear Friends,

Your truly acceptable Epistle of the 5th mo. 1853 has been read in our meeting at this time. We have been made sensible of the value of the love and sympathy of our brethren in religious profession, and in much mercy have, as we trust, been made to rejoice that there yet remaineth for the comfort of the humble and sincere, a fellowship which stands not in the wisdom of men, and depends not upon outward circumstances of time or place, but, in the ordering of Divine goodness, is provided for the comfort and edification of his church and people.

It is cause of rejoicing to us at this time to remember that with you, our Yearly Meeting has been for so many years united in love, and that we have been enabled to take sweet counsel together. The Apostle in addressing the Philippians expressed himself in this language, &c. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now". We believe, dear friends, there is an experience which is a bond of union in the Church of Christ, which is founded in, and rests upon the Lord Jesus - which acknowledges Him in all his glorious attributes and especially becomes strengthened in the consideration of his unutterable mercy in that He died that we might live, which desires with the apostle, to use his own language, "to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

We have believed that it is the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ, that binds together in gospel love, all those, who, through adorable mercy have attained thereunto, who have witnessed through repentance and living faith in him, their sins forgiven and blotted out for his sake, who died for them and rose again, and by the baptisms, heart searching and humiliating, of the Holy Spirit are leavened into the nature, and become subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven. May not such as these great one another as brethren beloved, partakers each in their measure and

according to their circumstances of the consolations of the Gospel?

During this our annual assembly our hearts have been saddened by the thought of War. Europe stands on the brink of a fearful contest. Permit us to offer you the word of sympathy under these circumstances, and to assure you that our desires are fervent that you with us, and we with you, may be preserved in consistency, as the followers of the Prince of Peace. The ancient testimony of our religious society to the anti-christian nature of all wars and fightings, has been renewedly felt by us to be important and interesting and we have fervently desired that all under our name may be kept from the spirit of war & dwelling low as in the valley of humiliation, seeking preservation from the only source of true safety, and remembering the promise that "he that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Our concern has resulted in the issuing of an address to our members and others on the subject of war, a copy of which we herewith inclose. May we, dear friends, in all our various circumstances and allotments be enabled to adopt the language of the Psalmist "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust."

Our Meeting for Sufferings the past year have been engaged to memorialize the Congress of the United States against legislation by which the area of our country into which slavery may be introduced is extended. We deplore the evils of slavery, we especially deplore the strength which the system is enabled to exert in our beloved country. We crave that He from whom cometh our sufficiency may preserve us in consistency on this subject. The Lord "hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth." There is no distinction with Him of colour or condition. Christ died for all, that all might live. Slavery makes distinctions totally irreconcilable with the Gospel. We crave that these immutable truths may be practically felt by our fellow countrymen. Then might we hope slavery would cease from our land.

The proper training of the young is felt by us to be an interesting and important engagement and the responsibility of parents and those under whose care children and young people may be placed has been feelingly adverted to in our meeting, and those concerned exhorted to diligence therein as in the sight of God, to whom they must give account. We have desired that all our dear friends might become sensible of the duty, as well as the advantage of the fervent and prayerful perusal of the Holy Scriptures in their families, looking unto the Lord in a helping. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness — and they are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. We desire also to encourage the private careful perusal of them by the young, that, like Timothy of old, from their youth they may know them.

We have reverently to acknowledge that we have thought in the mercy of the

Lord been favored to witness a measure of his preserving presence during our present meeting, whereby our hearts have been closely united together, and we enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in harmony.

In a feeling of the love of the gospel, we salute you, and are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

We have been favored in this our Annual Assembly as we reverently trust with a lively sense of the love of our heavenly Father in which our absent brethren wherever situated have been brought very near to us; And we affectionately desire that Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ may prevail and abound to the glory of his name, and to our mutual edification and comfort.

If we would know an increase in grace, mercy and peace, our hearts must be united in the love of Christ and under its blessed influence in the great work of regeneration they must be changed - and may we ever remember that without a practical experience in this change, we cannot bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. It is here the humble believer receives an abiding sense of the fullness of the Father's love as unfolded in the gospel of his dear Son, and is enabled in living faith to lay hold of and accept the provisions of this Gospel in the reverent practical acknowledgement of the Lord Jesus in all his blessed and holy offices, who died for us, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Our hearts are warmed with affectionate interest and solicitude towards such of our dear friends as are located in small Meetings who often sit solitary in little companies in their places of worship. To these we would offer the word of encouragement in the desire that their hands may be strengthened, and their hearts comforted. May they ever remember that where two or three are gathered in his name our holy Redeemer hath declared that He is in the midst of them. And should the prospect of such Meetings appear discouraging to those who feel bound to attend them, yet, may they be faithful in this religious duty, for as there is a right engagement reverently to thus wait on the Lord to know the lifting up of the heart in prayerful solicitude for His anointing presence may we not hope that they will be seasons in which their spiritual strength will be renewed, and their faith confirmed in the sustaining evidences of the Father's love?

We cannot but lament with you the sorrowful circumstance that your Country is engaged again in War. Our hearts are mournfully —

affected on this account, and we cordially respond to the concern which is manifested by your Meeting in warning and citing your members to increased watchfulness against every thing that would enender its spirit or give it support. This Meeting has been introduced into a similar concern on behalf of our members, which has resulted in adopting an Address sinyilar up from our Meeting for Sufferings exhorting Friends to guard carefully against the spirit of war and strife, a copy of which we herewith send you.

Our minds have also been painfully affected that our General Government has passed a law by which the area of Slavery may be extended into some of the Territories of our Country. Our Meeting for Sufferings was engaged early to remonstrate against the passing of this law.

Your very acceptable Epistle of last month has been received and read among us to our edification and comfort, as also similar testimonials of brotherly sympathy and love from our dear friends of the Yearly Meetings of London, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina and Indiana which have renewedly awakened in our minds feelings of Christian interest and love encouraging the belief that they who fear the Lord are concerned to speak often one to another, and in the openings of Truth to comfort and encourage each other in the love of Christ.

The various important subjects which have claimed the attention of this Meeting have been disposed of in condescension and love, and we have been comforted in the company and exercises of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings. Warm are our desires that the dear youth, both with you and us, may be engaged early to seek the Lord, yielding their hearts unreservedly to the holy discipline of the cross, that under the purifying operations of the Holy Spirit they may be prepared for services in the Church in the morning of their days. The Lord loveth an early sacrifice, and will abundantly bless the cheerful giver.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New York

Dear Friends,

Being assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we would acknowledge with thankfulness, that unworthy as we are of the least of our heavenly Father's favors, he has been pleased at times to be near, affording renewed evidence of the continuance of his love; and we trust that it is under a degree of the influence thereof, that we feel drawn to address you, desiring that grace, mercy and peace may more and more abound through God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Wonderful indeed is the love

of God towards fallen man. How marvellously was it manifested in the provision made for his restoration from a state of nature to a state of grace. "In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins." How encouraging to the contrited penitent soul is the hope set before us in the gospel! How comforting is the promise, that, as we are concerned in all diligence to give heed to the visitations of divine love - to co-operate with the workings of the gift of grace upon the heart - to give proof that we love God by keeping his commandments, our Heavenly Father will forgive us our sins, and our short-comings for Christ's sake!

It is under the baptizing power of the love of God shed abroad in the heart, that we are made to feel for each other in the trials which are permitted to await us, and to raise our petitions, when access is found to the throne of grace, for each other's welfare and preservation. We desire that we may all be engaged to dwell under the blessed influence thereof. As this is our concern we shall know more and more of the circulation of this heavenly love amongst us, as from vessel to vessel, cementing us together in Christian fellowship; and we shall experience, from time to time, renewed ability to labor for the welfare of the Church.

In the sufferings through which it has been our lot to pass, we have been comforted and strengthened by your unity and sympathy; and we trust it has been in a degree of that feeling in which, when one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it, that we have been made to sympathize with you in the trials that have, through the prevalence of the same spirit of disaffection, been permitted to await you - and we would offer the word of encouragement to those who have been laboring for the support of that comely order, which is in the Truth, and for the preservation of that precious unity, which characterises the true disciples of our Lord and Saviour - to those who have long borne the burden in the heat of the day. We would salute these in the language of the Apostle, "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord". We desire for these, that their faith and patience may hold out to the end, that having done the will of God, they may receive the promise.

Let us beloved friends all be encouraged to increased faithfulness and dedication to the service of our Lord and master. Let us endeavor in watchfulness and prayer to look daily to Him for fresh supplies of spiritual strength, to do in humility what is required at our hands, that in the end we may be prepared to hear the language of well done good and faithful servant.

We have felt a deep concern for the guarded religious education of the young and rising generation, and we desire that parents may be engaged to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We would encourage Friends to faithfulness in the daily reading in their families of the Holy Scriptures. We believe that as this practice is main-

tained in the fear of God, and with fervent desires that the contents of the sacred volume may be opened to our understanding, these opportunities would often prove seasons of divine favor and the truths recorded in Holy Writ, would be sealed upon the hearts of parents and children, to their mutual and lasting benefit.

The present is a day of much excitement, a day which calls for increased watchfulness, that we do not become leavened into the precepts and maxims of the world - into that spirit of strife and contention which abound at the present time. Some of the most powerful nations of the earth are now engaged in war, and our minds have been introduced into a concern, lest any among us, should in any way participate in that spirit which engenders it - and we have issued an address to our members, and to others, in relation thereto.

A copy of the address we herewith send you

Your acceptable epistle of the present year has been received, together with epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, and the reading thereof has been to our comfort and encouragement.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Through unmerited mercy we have again been permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to transact the business that has come before us in harmony and condescension. Your acceptable epistle of tenth month last, with similar testimonials of brotherly love from London, Ireland, New York, North Carolina and Indiana Yearly Meetings, has been received and read to our comfort and edification. We have had at this Meeting the acceptable company of a number of concerned Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labors amongst us have been strengthening and encouraging.

On a review of the state of Society as exhibited by the answers to the queries from our subordinate meetings, we find that deficiences still exist amongst us, which is cause of mourning and regret, and which called forth many feeling and weighty remarks tending to stimulate to greater faithfulness in the support of our various christian testimonies. Fervent have been the appeals to rouse the lukewarm and indifferent, and to encourage the feeble minded in seeking earnestly for ability to work out their souls' salvation while the day of God's merciful visitation is lengthened out to them.

Although we have at this time been made sensible of great weakness, and the entire insufficiency of ourselves to do any good yet we reverently believe that living desires have been begotten in many hearts that the would revive his

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work in the midst of the years, that He would grant us according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.

The present is a time of great commotion and excitement in the world, and the watchword: "In your tents O Israel" appears peculiarly applicable to us as a people. Our Yearly Meeting has been concerned to issue an address to our own members and the lovers of peace everywhere, against the anti-christian spirit and practice of war – a copy of which we herewith forward you.

We have been deeply pained at the late legislation of Congress in establishing new territorial governments at the west, by which the area of our country, into which slavery may be carried, has been extended, and which also portends hardships and evils to the Indians already located within these territories, and have appointed a Committee to embrace any opening that may present to do them good. Oh! that those placed in authority might remember that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Brethren, we salute you in the love of the gospel, earnestly craving that you, with ourselves, may be preserved on the immutable foundation Christ Jesus the rock of ages. We remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tolen Clerk

To North Carolina:

Dear Friends,

Being permitted again to meet in this our annual assembly, and having been favored, from time to time, with renewed evidence that the Great Head of the Church is still mindful of us, our hearts have been turned to our friends of other Yearly Meetings, from whom, with yourselves, we have received acceptable epistles, and we salute you, dear brethren with feelings of love, and desire that you and we may so walk, in humility and the fear of the Lord, as to witness a growth and establishment in the ever blessed Truth.

The regular attendance of our youth, on this interesting occasion, and their quiet and serious demeanor, have been comforting and strengthening to their elder brethren, and we cannot but indulge the belief that many are becoming increasingly attentive to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and that they thus will be preserved from hearkening to the voice of the Stranger. Earnest have been our desires on their behalf, that they may experience preservation from the various temptations which are in the world, and by watchfulness, humility and self-denial, may become qualified for usefulness in the Church.

"Brethren, our hearts desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved". In adopting this apostolic language, and applying it to our own portion of the militant Church, we are not unmindful, that we all, in our

different locations, have our peculiar trials and temptations, and our hearts are warmed with affectionate solicitude, that the members of our beloved Society, every where, may be so watchful that the enemy of all good may not be able to draw them into practices inconsistent with our religious principles, or to seduce them into a conformity with the customs and maxims of the world around them, which are opposed to the precepts of our blessed Redeemer.

We notice with satisfaction in your epistle that the subject of slavery and the melioration of the condition of the African race, still continues to claim your attention. We appreciate, in some degree, we trust, the trials to which you are subject, and the sacrifices you are often called upon to make on this account. When we call to mind that our Heavenly Father "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth", and that our blessed Lord commanded that in all things we should do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, we cannot but feel an earnest desire that you, dear friends, in your peculiar situation, may in meekness and wisdom, and in humble reliance on Divine support, be enabled to bear an uncompromising testimony against this system of injustice and oppression. Friends have, within your limits, as we believe, been instruments of much good; the very existence of the society, whose members maintaining its principles, and deriving their support from their own labour, in the midst of a slaveholding community, is a practical rebuke to those who live by the unrequited toil of the slave, and our concern is that nothing on your part, either in word or deed, may weaken its force, or soothe the unquiet consciences of those who feel it. Your position is in our view, an exceedingly interesting one, your responsibility is great; and while we desire tenderly to sympathise with you therein, we are solicitous that you may not give way to discouragement in consequence of the difficulties by which you are encompassed, nor be unduly anxious to escape therefrom, but, in simple reliance on Divine support, endeavor to uphold the standard of practical righteousness, in all your relations with those among whom you reside, both bond and free. And our solicitude extends to the precious youth among you that they may be preserved in innocency; that a tender care may be exercised that with a divine blessing their susceptible minds may be early imbued with sentiments of justice and humanity, and with compassion for the afflicted and oppressed of the human family

We learn, with feelings of interest, that your Boarding School continues in successful operation. We have no doubt that this Institution will be productive of great good to the Society in your land, and we would encourage you to persevering efforts to sustain it, and endeavour to extend its usefulness.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

* Our Meeting for Sufferings has prepared an address on the subject of Peace which has been adopted by this Meeting, and a copy of it is herewith transmitted to you.

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To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

In meeting together, at this time, in our annual assembly, it is with feelings of gratitude to our gracious Lord, that we have been privileged to feel He still condescends to be near to them, whose dependence is upon Him in humility and fear.

The Epistle from your Yearly Meeting of 10th month last has been received. This, and similar communications from our beloved brethren across the Atlantic, and from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore and North-Carolina, have been truly satisfactory to us. We desire that in the continuance of this correspondence in brotherly love, Friends in the various Yearly Meetings may seek to dwell more and more in the love of God, and in the patient waiting for Christ. And being established in the one precious faith, may witness a reverend trust in the one Lord over all who is rich unto all that call upon Him.

We respond cordially to your desire that the blessed fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, may more and more abound among us, everywhere.

In reviewing the state of the Society, we have been pained in the consideration that deficiences still exist amongst us. On this account concerned friends have endeavored to labor, in the ability afforded, for their removal; and fervent are our desires that we may unreservedly yield ourselves to the purifying operations of the Holy Spirit, in order that through watchfulness unto prayer, the things, which remain and are ready to die, may be strengthened.

We have had an interesting report from the Committee having charge of our Boarding School, which has encouraged us to believe that it continues to be under the divine blessing, productive of good, and we have been encouraged by the account furnished in your epistle of the continued prosperity of the Boarding School under your care. May you, with ourselves, be strengthened to labor and not to faint, looking unto Him who alone giveth the increase.

Our hearts have been deeply affected, at this time, by the removal from our midst of beloved friends, who have borne the burden in the heat of the day and stood as faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion – but we have been comforted by the evidence mercifully afforded that our loss is their eternal gain; and we find encouragement in the belief that the mantle of Divine love, which was the clothing of their spirits, will rest upon others, as they stand resigned to the preparing hand of the Lord, and to the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

We can respond to the sentiment of your Epistle that "the present is a day of close trial" – but we may thankfully acknowledge there are seasons, even in trial, when we are permitted to realize that the Master is with us; and may we, with you, more unreservedly cleave unto Him, under all circumstances, that we may be comforted with his consoling language: "It is I, be not afraid."

In view of the wide extent of country over which the members of your

Yearly Meeting are scattered, and the continued emigration of Friends thereto from various locations of our religious Society, and the consequently extended sphere of your religious care, we have felt our minds tenderly drawn in sympathy towards you, with desires that you may abide faithful to Him who is Lord of the harvest, and that strength may be mercifully granted you according to the day

Our meeting has been introduced into a concern that our members and others may be preserved from the spirit of war. This concern has resulted in the issuing of an address exhorting all to guard carefully against it; a copy of which we herewith send you.

We have been deeply pained at the late legislation of Congress in establishing new territorial governments at the west, by which the area of our country into which slavery may be carried has been extended, and which also portends hardships and evils to the Indians located within these territories, and have appointed a Committee to embrace any opening that may present to do them good

With the salutation of Love, we remain your friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk

P. S. David Buffum is appointed Corresponden for Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting, in place of Jethro F. Mitchell, deceased.

Address - David Buffum, Newport, Rhode-Island.

N.B. The above P.S. was also appended to the epistles sent to New York, Baltimore and North-Carolina Yearly Meetings.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 10th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 11th of sixth month, 1855.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — Rowland Greene, Stephen Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Edmund Chace, Abner Slade, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, John Meader, William S. Perry and Samuel Boyd Tobey.

From Salem —— Estes Newhall, Moses Huntington, Jr., Samuel Boyce, John Page, Stephen A. Chase and Nathan Breed, of Lynn.

From Sandwich —— Edmund Gardner, Newell Coggeshall, Calvin Shepherd, Daniel Davis, Isaac R. Gifford, William C. Taber, Stephen Dillingham, John Macomber, Joseph Wing and George Easton.

From Falmouth —— Thomas Jones, Nathan Pope, Henry M. Minot, Jesse Crossman, Stephen Eastland, Ezekiel Varney, Jr. and George P. Day.

From Smithfield —— John Osborne, Charles Cadwell, John C. Fry, John Milton Earle and Paul Aldrich.

From Vassalboro' —— John L. Lang, Stephen Jones, Eli Jones, Timothy Hanson, James Jones, Edmund Whitehouse, James Van Blarcum and Josiah Jones.

From Dover —— Benajah Buffum, Ezra Gould, Jacob K. Brinton, Albert C. Buffum and Timothy Hanson.

From Fairfield —— Allen Wing, Aiden Sampson, David Douglas, William Law, Joseph Taylor and Charles M. Bailey —

whose names being called, they were present, except seven, for the absence of five of whom sufficient reasons were assigned

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Thomas Willis, of Westbury and Jericho Monthly Meeting; Nathaniel Sands, of Cornwall Monthly Meeting, New York; David Hunt, of Goshen Monthly Meeting, of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Isaac Jay, of Missisinawa Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Mary Ann Fisher, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; and Phebe Bishop, of Norwich Monthly Meeting, Canada West; certificates from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Luke Thomas companion to our friend Isaac Jay, William P. Parker and Sarah T. Parker

companions to our friend Rhebe Bishop, Sarah Ann Hunt, who accompanies her husband, David Hunt, and of Eli Haines, an Elder, and have received satisfactory testimonials from their several meetings.

The London printed epistle of 1857 was read at this time, and was interesting and edifying to us, and desiring to afford to Friends generally, within our limits, an opportunity of perusing it, and commending the excellent practical counsel and doctrine contained in it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends, George Haviland, Jr. and William C. Taber, to procure the re-printing of 3500 copies to be placed in the hands of the representatives for distribution among our Quarterly Meetings, and the Committee is requested to report to a future sitting.

Interesting and very acceptable epistles addressed to this meeting, by our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North-Carolina and Indiana, were received and read, and these salutations of love, as in former times, are comforting and encouraging to us. Several of these communications contained the information that there had been presented to them two epistles, both purporting to emanate from Ohio Yearly Meeting, and referring us to accompanying documents to show upon what grounds they had severally come to the judgment to accept and respond to the Epistle signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk. These documents have been read at this time, and this meeting, under a covering of much solemnity, after a very full expression, with entire unity, decided to accept and read an Epistle now offered to us, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and we do acknowledge this body of Friends as the true Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and as brethren with whom we have unity. The painful circumstances detailed in this Epistle, and the difficulties and trials to which Friends in Ohio have been subjected for many years, called forth an expression of deep sympathy from this meeting, with a fervent desire that they may be enabled to look unto and receive from the adorable Head of the Church that wisdom, and strength, and counsel which come from Him alone — and it is, we trust, with humble gratitude we resume our correspondence with Ohio Yearly Meeting, so long interrupted by causes set forth in the Epistle now received from that body, which we refer, with the other Epistles addressed to this Meeting, to the following friends to prepare Essays of reply, and present them at a future sitting, viz: John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, Stephen A. Chase, William C. Taber, John Osborne, David Bufum, Gilbert Congdon, Charles Atherton, James Van Bibber, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Joseph Davis, Rowland Greene, John Page, Newell Coggeshall, Benjamin H. Jones, Aiden Sanborn, Joseph Metcalf, Nathan Douglas, Caleb Jones, Thomas S. Gifford, Stephen Jones, Josiah Haines Jr., Thomas Mackness, William H. Robinson, Charles C. Tucker, James Jones, Nathan Reed, John C. Fry, Jacob H. Vining, Isaac C. Gifford, Thomas Grover and Joseph C. Peckham.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon — Met pursuant to adjournment.

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Rowland Greene, a Representative, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen C. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they were appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for 1854, were now read. All the Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the raising of the Stock called for by this Meeting last year, and we appoint our friends Thomas Hoskins, Micajah C. Pratt, Charles K. Tucker, Henry M. Minott, Samuel H. Colton, Ebenezer Fry, Jacob K. Brinton and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

In the Report from Dover Quarterly Meeting it is proposed that the Yearly Meeting consider the subject of a new apportionment of the Stock to be paid by the several Quarterly Meetings, which is referred to the consideration of the Representatives to this meeting to report at a future sitting.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Estes and Eunice Estes to the station of Elders; that Falmouth has united with Windham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Day; with Durham Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joshua Brooks, and with Limmington Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Naomi D. Parker and Anna Hilliken to the station of Elders; that Smithfield has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Hadwen, Joseph Haskins and Steve Pond to the same station; that Nantucket has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Josiah Jones to the station of Elder, and with the same meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of James Van Blarcum, accidentally omitted to be communicated to this meeting in their report in 1853; that Fairfield has united with St. Lillian's Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Sanford to the station of an Elder, and in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Eunice Winslow.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which was read and accepted; and we appoint the following Friends to take the whole subject of the affairs of the School into their solid and careful consideration, and report their views and judgment at a future sitting of this meeting; and also to propose the names of Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Thomas Hoskins, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyd Tobey, William S. Haviland, Joseph Taylor, Ebenezer Fry, William Mitchell, John E. Fry, Stephen Dillingham, Richard Battey, Henry M. Minott, Abner Neade, Stephen C. Chase, Ezra Reid, Daniel Neede, Samuel Boyce, Jesse Chapman, Joseph Haviland, William C. Taber, Isaiah Pope, Effingham L. Capron, Isaac R. Gifford, George Howland, Jr.

William Farr, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tabor, Caleb Jones, William H. Robinson, Moses Huntington, Jr., John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Jr., David Buffum, David Kelly, Joseph Metcalf, Moses Sawyer, Daniel Page, Lawton Shepard, William S. Boyce, Micajah C. Pratt, Albert C. Buffum, John Osborne and Peres Peck.

He appointed as queries Gilbert Congdon, Nathan Reed, Daniel Davis, Henry M. Minott, Richard Batty, Stephen Jones, Benajah Buffum and Charles M. Bailey to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, the 12th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives present except five.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the State of Society by reading the queries and the answers received from our subordinate meetings, and proceeded therein to the third inclusive. In this important engagement we were made reverently thankful for the solemn covering spread over us, and the evidence graciously afforded of faithful servants being qualified to impart salutary and awakening counsel and warning on account of deficiencies which still appear as spots upon us that need to be removed. The worship of our Heavenly Father, which is first queried after, being a service of the most vital import, called forth much exercise to encourage all to a due consideration of its imperative nature upon every one of his created beings, all of whom are wholly dependent upon the daily extension of his abundant and unmerited mercies. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God," — by the mercies of God, — "that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." How strong is this appeal of the apostle to his fellow believers, in reminding them of the mercies of God as an incentive to the performance of this great and necessary duty; and we are equally called upon by the same consideration to present our bodies a living sacrifice that may be accepted by Him. We are not only required to assemble together for the purpose of worship, but we are not to expect to receive this blessing unless we are engaged to meet in a right way, and under a right concern, in His name. Then may we hope to meet the blessed Master. Then may expect his promise to be verified that He will be in the midst of us. Then will our meetings become to us seasons of pure and holy enjoyment — seasons of refreshment — seasons in which we shall know our strength to be renewed. The importance of example on the part of those more advanced in life in manifesting to the younger, that they not only attend all our religious meetings, but that they are engaged to do so in a true spirit of devotion, was feelingly dwelt upon, and we were entreated to be engaged, to be helpful one unto another in encouraging to the performance of this high duty. The examples of our forefathers, in the public worship of God, under great and varied difficulties, was brought instructively before us, and we were entreated to follow them, in this respect. As we met might we were reminded that these opportunities would become

most desirable and precious to us – that we should rejoice on their recurrence, and should be prepared to say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me Let us go into the house of the Lord," and we should realize that to be permitted to worship and adore Him is our highest privilege in the present life – our holiest hope for eternity; and that no one as he approached the termination of his pilgrimage on earth, ever yet was found that felt any regret for the time he had devoted to the performance of religious duty, especially the worship of God. The importance of a frequent and daily reading of the Holy Scriptures was seemingly dwelt upon – its unspeakable benefits clearly set forth. We have not only Moses and the Prophets, but the further revelation that God has given us of his Son, as contained in the New Testament. These belong to us and to our children. If we prize not these, if we believe not these, neither would we believe though one should arise from the dead, and the charge remains imperative, ye shall teach them diligently to your children.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

In the afternoon, Friends again met and proceeded to read the remaining – Queries and Answers. During this engagement much pertinent counsel was offered, encouraging Friends affectionately to watch over one another for good, to cultivate freedom of intercourse with each other, so that the younger may approach their older brethren in confidence, and be received with openness and cordiality, and that where any, from whatever cause, may depart from the wholesome order of our religious Society, that they may be so treated in restoring love that they may not be turned still further out of the way, but rather that they may be healed.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:

1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except three small meetings omitted on account of the weather, and one occasioned by the funeral of a Friend near by. Another account also states that one small meeting has been omitted a few times. Those on the first day of the week by Friends generally. Midweek meetings, and those for discipline are much neglected by some. The law is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are noticed in all the reports. Clear of other unbecoming behavior, with limited exceptions in two reports. Care in the above deficiencies is noticed in five of the accounts.

2d. Love and unity, with a few exceptions, are maintained. Clear as to detraction, except a few instances, where care has been taken. When differences have appeared care has been taken to end them.

3d. Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their direction in plainness as queried after, and to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, being mostly exemplary herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are, we believe, frequently read in Friends' families, although one report expresses a fear that this important duty is not so frequently attended to by a few, as our religious profession requires.

4th. Spirituous liquors appear to be confined to medicinal purposes excepting

in twelve instances, and one of the accounts indefinitely makes a few exceptions. Some care has been extended. Frequenting of taverns and places of public resort mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions refered to.

5th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Friends Children partake of learning as queried after. Three or four are placed out from among Friends.

6th. In the answers to this query it appears twenty-one of our members have formed marriage connections with persons not members of our Religious Society, and two or three are reported as keeping company in view of a like departure. With these exceptions Friends appear to be generally careful.

7th. Our testimony in the several particulars of this Query appears to be maintained.

8th. Friends are generally careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. They are mostly punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Mostly careful as to recording. A few instances of removal without certificates, and some care taken

10th Friends are engaged to deal with offenders in accordance with the query, and to place judgment, when necessary, agreeable to discipline. But three accounts acknowledge a deficiency in timely care.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare essays of returning minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

Adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 13th, the Meeting assembled according to adjournment. Representatives present except six.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in the various concerns that have claimed its attention, were approved by us, and the Friends appointed last year (with the exception of one friend, Abraham Barker, deceased,) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and they are requested to act on our behalf, on all matters affecting the interests of Society, agreeably to the original organization of that meeting, as provided for in our Discipline.

The subject of making some provision whereby assistance may be extended to Friends concerned to attend this Yearly Meeting, whose circumstances may render it difficult for them to do so, claiming our attention, it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings to act therein as way may open for after a careful consideration of the matter

A proposition contained in the Reports from Falmouth and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings for some change in our present Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders now claiming our attention, it is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, carefully to consider

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The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi presented the subjoined report, which was interesting and satisfactory, and claimed our solid consideration, and a feeling concern was manifested that we might be diligent in doing everything that may rightly be done to discharge our duty to this suffering portion of our fellow men. The Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to act on our behalf in every way that may open in the Truth; and they authorised to proceed in this concern, either alone or in conjunction with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, should such be appointed by them, and report to this Meeting, next year. The Clerk is requested to convey this information in the epistles to the several Yearly Meetings.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last year to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the Indians west of the Mississippi river, report That they have not been unmindful of the subject. Circumstanced as these native inhabitants and original owners of the soil, now are, in relation to the tide of emigration flowing in upon them, both from the east and from the west, we believe they present an increasingly interesting object for commiseration and Christian sympathy.

A great responsibility lies upon the inhabitants of our land, and the government of our country, for the wrongs of the Indians. In the report of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, made at the last session of Congress, we find the following language:

"In the recent negotiations for their lands the Indians dwelt upon the former pledges and promises made to them, and were averse, generally, to the surrender of any portion of their country. They said that they were to have the land as long as grass grew or water run, and they feared the result if they should consent to yield any part of their possessions. When they did consent to sell, it was only on the condition that each tribe should retain a portion of the tract as a permanent home. All were unitedly and firmly opposed to another removal. So fixed and settled was this idea, that propositions, clearly for their interests, were rejected by them."

"It is no cause of wonder or surprise that the Indians should feel and manifest these distrustful views. The history of their dealings with the white man, has too deeply taught them this lesson of distrust.

We think we cannot better convey the present prospects of many of the tribes, particularly those within the territory of Kansas, than by quoting further from the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, before referred to, as follows, viz: "The residence of the tribes who have recently ceded their lands

should, therefore, be considered (subject in a few cases to a contraction of limits) as permanently fixed. Already the white population is occupying the lands between and adjacent to the Indian reservations, and even going west of and beyond them; and at no distant day all the country immediately to the west of the reserves, which is worth occupying, will have been taken up. And then the current of population, until within a few years, flowing only from the East, now comes sweeping like an avalanche from the Pacific coast, almost overwhelming the indigenous Indians in its approaches. It is, therefore, in my judgment, clear, beyond doubt or question, that the emigrated tribes in Kansas Territory are permanently there — there to be thoroughly civilized, and to become a constituent portion of the population, or there to be destroyed and exterminated. What a spectacle for the view of the statesman, philanthropist, and Christian — a subject for the most profound consideration and reflection! With reservations dotting the eastern portion of the Territory, there they stand, the representatives and remnants of tribes once as powerful and dreaded as they are now weak and dispirited. By alternate persuasion and force, some of these tribes have been removed, step by step, from mountain to valley, and from river to plains, until they have been bushed half way across the continent. They can go no further; on the ground they now occupy the crisis must be met, and their future determined. Among them may be found the educated, civilized, and converted Indian, the benighted and inveterate heathen, and every intermediate grade. But there they are, and as they are, with outstanding obligations in their behalf of the most solemn and imperative character, voluntarily assumed by the government. Their condition is a critical one; such as to entitle them not only to the justice of the government, but to the most profound sympathy of the people. Extermination may be their fate, but not of necessity. By a union of good influences and proper effort, I believe they may, and will, be saved, and their complete civilization effected."

Such are the views presented respecting this interesting people by the officer of the government charged with the supervision of their affairs. The question then is an interesting one to Friends, what action or influence they can bring to bear upon the right side, on the side of humanity and Christian principles towards this people.

From New England, there have gone already many to settle in Kansas, and more will likely follow, to become the neighbors of these Indians. Which will depend upon the influence which these emigrants exert when there, and Friends in their respective neighborhoods may call the attention of such to the important considerations involved in the case. We cannot but hope that the principles of justice and mercy which, as we would believe prevail in New England, may be carried West, by those who go from this part of the country, and that these principles may be put in their intercourse with the Indians, and in the legislation of the Territory.

We trust also that it is in the power of Friends to exert an influence with the government of our country, with members of Congress and other persons in authority with whom they may be acquainted, and to induce them to do what they can

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to protect and foster the best interests of the Indians.

"As a nation we have", in the language of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, "to some extent, taken possession of the lands of these Indians, driven them from their cherished resting places, and destroyed the game, their only means of support. We should now aid and teach them to live without this resource or their destruction is inevitable."

The action of the Committee has been limited to some efforts with members of Congress, and with some who have influence in Kansas, and to correspondence with a friend resident in the territory.

From this correspondence, we think it will be interesting to Friends to have the following extracts: "The Indians of Kansas constitute one of its most striking and interesting features. There are about ten thousand within that portion of the territory, which will probably constitute the State of Kansas, consisting of the Rickapoos, Delawares, Wyandots, Shawnees, Peorias, Ottoways, Osages, Kansas, Sack and Foxes, Miamies, Pottowatamies, and some fragments of other tribes now nearly extinct. They are located on reservations all over the territory. The Shawnees, I believe, are differently situated from any others. By the late treaty with the United States Government, they are to have individual reservations, and the whites will be mingled among them. What the result of this intermingling will be upon the Indians, will depend upon the characters of the settlers, and the laws regulating their conduct towards the Indians. I feel a deep and painful solicitude for the Indians in Kansas generally, in view of their being mingled up and surrounded by the whites. Lasciviousness, induced and fostered by worthless white men, and the love of ardent spirits, are their besetting sins, and under the direful influence of these evils, they are rapidly passing away. Every tribe, so far as I know, is decreasing, except the Ottoways, who banished liquor from their borders a few years ago, and since that time have been increasing."

In another part of this correspondence the Friend writes — "The only hope of salvation to the Indian from speedy extinction, is to become sober and civilised, and for this end I feel impelled to labour. None of the tribes which I have mentioned in this letter can any longer obtain a living by the chase, and the time is near at hand, when they must till the soil or perish. And here the question arises, how are they to be saved from speedy ruin? To my mind, nothing will accomplish the work but zealous Christian effort. Christians must be more devoted to earnest missionary labor."

Such are the views of those most familiar with this painfully interesting subject. We have embodied them in this report, that the Yearly Meeting might be aware of the present circumstances of this people, on whose account they have for many years been interested, and might now seek to know if any way is open in the truth for Friends to labor for the best interests of a race for whom Society has been long interested.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Stephen A. Chase.

Newport, 6th month 12th, 1855.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

4 Afternoon — Met according to adjournment. [See P.S. on page 230.]

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, and the consideration of the affairs of the Institution generally, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions made by the School Committee in their Report, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in relation to the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz:

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the farm fund, be approved, and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable enquiries be made as to the fitness of Scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said Committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charge per term be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting; & Cowhen one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings; and $100 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and Stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each Term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report of last year. Address, Superintendant Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Appended is a list of the names of Friends proposed to constitute the School Committee for the ensuing year.

By direction of the Committee,

Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

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Which is satisfactory, and are joined Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Buffum, Isaac Haviland, Jr., William C. Taber,

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Henry M. Minot, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Aiden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Dr. Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William H. Robinson Gilbert Congdon, Eldon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, Lynn, Thomas Watkins and James Dennis.

1st Women's Committee. — Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Rives, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Rowland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Mary B. Fanning, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Emma Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah J. Sawyer, Ruth H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Rowland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Rowland, Mary A. Smith, Elizabeth Meader, I are appointed a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of the Women's Meeting, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, to report to this meeting next year. The Report of the Boarding School Committee is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee charged with superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the two terms last year. For the Summer term there were admitted one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred and sixty-three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted during the Summer term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Pamelia C. Varney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B. Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel and Pamelia C. Varney; as teacher of Latin by George H. Mawton, and of French by Marie Pavot. Elizabeth Prosper has been engaged as teacher of Needle-work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the more immediate care of the schools and family during each month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the Schools has been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the family, and orderly deportment ~~de-portment~~ observed with little exception. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on First Day mornings have been held in the school-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises, it has been found necessary during the year past, to make some further expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long continued and severe drouth occasioned a short supply of pure water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of

rain water was depended on. A sufficient supply of this article being deemed indispensable, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan, long contemplated, of bringing by iron pipes, raised by a force pump, the water of the spring situated in the easterly part of the school lands, to the school-house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied.

Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water-works above mentioned, to about forty-five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary current expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited and settled.

The receipts have been —

From the income of the School Fund,	£6,897 74
From the Charitable Fund	431 25
From a Friend at Prince Edward's Island	50 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery, &c.	12,362 30
Total Receipts, — — — — — —	19,741 29

The expenditures have been —

By the Treasurer, for Fire Insurance,	£ 165 09
Case of 1853	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund,	440.00
Interest on £6,500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution,	707 95
Expense of copies of papers,	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, farm expenses, repairs and improvements,	22,943 75
	24,459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution, exclusive of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund, was 3,559 08

This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding Statement, during the last year, the sum of 4,717 88

Making the present debt £ 8,276 96

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty-nine dollars, eighty seven cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtedness, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made the previous year, but appear in the above account. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, ninety-seven cents, for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853, and of seven hundred and seven dollars,

ninety-five cents, for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the farm fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed. - What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes, and improvements on the premises, the present prices of Board and Tuition would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, to the payment of the indebtedness incurred in the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the right of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. This proposition was adopted by the Yearly Meeting; Since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right, therefore, and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the school funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the school funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting held 2d month, 27th, in view of the circumstances of the School, the following minute was adopted, viz: "The present condition of the Institution, in its several relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to a further continuance of the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting, held 4th month, 3d, we received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, 3d month, 9th, 1855 the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (referring to our minute above recited,) and after a time of deliberation thereon, in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to accede to the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

In accordance with these conditions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia H. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron; to reside in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general supervision of the lands buildings and property belonging to the Institution, of every description; and we have authorised the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

All which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo., 9th, 1855."

The Committee on Correspondence presented Epsays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of Ohio and Indiana, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings.

A Testimony of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Thomas Anthony, was read, approved, and directed to be recorded. A solemn covering was spread over us while the memory of our dear friend was thus brought with freshness before us — and while we deeply feel the loss the militant Church has sustained in his removal from it, yet we have the consoling confidence that to him is given a crown immortal.

A Testimony of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Moses Wadsworth, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. The beloved subject of this Memoir was brought sweetly to our remembrance.

Adjourned to 3 O'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, 14th, the Meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives present, except five.

The Committee on Education presented the following Report, and the care and interest manifested by the Committee in this important concern, are satisfactory to us. The same Friends are continued under appointment, and they are encouraged to pursue their labors in promoting the literary, moral, and religious education of our youth.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting upon the subject of Education, Report: That they have not been unmindful of the object of their appointment, and although no opening has appeared to an extended field for active service, yet they have endeavored, by individual attention, as opportunities have been afforded, to increase and diffuse an interest in the minds of Friends, upon this important subject.

As in former years, circulars were addressed to the several Monthly Meetings, calling for statistical and other information, to all of which answers have been received; and from these the following summary has been compiled, viz:

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Number of children within the compass of the Yearly Meeting between
the ages of 4 and 16 years, — — 1225
ditto, between 16 and 21 years, — — — 479
Monthly Meeting School, — — — — 1
Preparative Meeting School, — — — — — 1
Family Schools, — — — — — — 9
Friends' Children attending Friends' School, exclusively as such, 170
Ditto, attending mixed Schools, 1255
First Day Schools taught the past year under the care of Friends 24
Average continuance of these Schools, five months.
Number of children attending the same, — — 540
Do. do. do. who are members of our Religious Society, — 358

By a comparison of the above statistics with the information received last year, a slight diminution will appear, both in the number and in the attendance of select Schools. We have, however, reason to believe that an unabated interest is still felt by Friends for the guarded education of our children, and that a strong desire pervades the minds of many parents to embrace such opportunities as their circumstances and situation may afford, for the right training of their beloved offspring, and a solicitude that while their susceptible minds are being stored with knowledge, that the seeds of piety and virtue may be implanted therewith. We would encourage Friends in this undertaking, and believe that the acquisition of this important object is well worth every sacrifice which it may call for.

We observe that the number of First Day Schools now in operation is reported less than last year. When we consider the advantages which would undoubtedly result to the youth of our Society from the regular attendance of these Schools, it is not without a feeling of disappointment that we learn that less than one-fourth of the number of children amongst us are in the enjoyment of the benefits which these opportunities for instruction are calculated to afford. We believe, however, that a number of Friends are in the frequent practice of collecting their children in the family circle for scriptural instruction, and in this practice we would encourage parents who may be unable on account of their isolated situation in their respective neighborhoods to associate their children in a school capacity, for the purpose of imparting to their tender charge, a knowledge, not only of the bible, but also those principles and doctrines, which have ever distinguished our Religious Society. We learn that a number of First Day Schools will soon be opened, in addition to those now in operation, and from the renewed interest which appears now to have been awakened upon the subject, we are not without hopes that an increased number of First Day Scholars may be reported next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Henry J. Wood, Clerk.

Newport, 6th mo., 14, 1855."

The Committee, on the concern of this Meeting, for the Indians located west of the Kenebeck, have prepared an address to those tribes, it was read and approved, and referred to the same Committee for carefull revision, and to dispose of in such manner as may may open for in the Truth, in order to produce the beneficial effects intended therein. and the Clerk of this meeting, together with the Committee, is authorized to sign it on our behalf.

The Committee of this Meeting, to extend some care to the Penobscot and Passamaquadda tribes of Indians, made a repat which is satisfactory to us, giving evidence that the attention of Friends to this people continues to be salutary, and the Committee now under appointment is continued, and they are authorized to draw fifty dollars from the Treasury and appropriate it to the aid of a School among the latter tribe; and they are also at liberty to apply the appropriation made last year (and yet called for) to the general object of our concern, or in such manner as the Committee may deem best. The report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:

The Committee having charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Penobscot and Passammaquadda Indians, Repat: That attention has been given to the object of their appointment, and that a gradual improvement in husbandry and in their domestic comforts is apparent among them.

A school has been kept in successful operation among the Penobscots for six months of the past year. The number of scholars in attendance has been near fifty. Their conduct and improvement are reported to have been satisfactory and encouraging, and we are informed that the Legislature of Maine have made further appropriations with a view of establishing a School further up the river. It appears to us, that these two schools must exert a very healthy influence in the tribe.

The Legislature have also appropriated one hundred dollars with a view to an attempt to establish a school among the Passammaquodda tribe. We think the encouragement of Friends, in setting up this school, may be much needed, and if the Yearly Meeting would appropriate a small sum, say fifty dollars, to further this concern, it would correspond with the views of the Committee, as these Indians have to depend very much for their resources upon the sales of their timber, which is annually lessening in amount.

The small sum left by the Meeting last year, subject to the order of the Committee, has not been used, and we would propose that it should be left for that purpose the present year.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
John Meader,
Eli Jones.

Newport, 6th mo., 14th, 1855."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Thomas Willis, and similar ones for our friends Nathaniel Sands, David Hunt,

Isaac Jay & Mary Ann Fisher and Phebe Bishop, viz:

"Our beloved friend, Thomas Willis, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following Minute for our friend Luke Thomas, and similar ones for our friends William J. Barker, Sarah J. Barker, Sarah Ann Hunt and Eli Haines, viz:

"Our beloved friend Luke Thomas attended this meeting. - His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

By the Epistles from two Yearly Meetings we have received the following information in relation to correspondents, viz.:

For Ohio Yearly Meeting the Correspondents are Isaac Parker, Greenberry G. Plummer, Address, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio: and, Jesse Kenworthy, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

Redstone Quarter.

David Miller for Redstone and Providence Monthly Meeting, and Jesse Kenworthy for Westland Monthly Meeting; Address of both, Brownsville, Fayette County Pennsylvania.

Short Creek Quarter.

James Kinsey for Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio. Matthew Watson for Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Jefferson County, Ohio. George Smith for Flushing Monthly Meeting, Smyrna, Harrison County, Ohio.

Salem Quarter.

Edward Jenkins for Salem, Middletown and Carmel Monthly Meeting; Address, Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio. John Johnson for New Garden Monthly Meeting, New Garden, P.O., Columbiana County, Ohio.

Springfield Quarter.

Benjamin Hanby for Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting; address, Damascoville, Columbiana County, Ohio. James Evans for Marlborough Monthly Meeting, Marlborough, Stark County, Ohio. Daniel Pim for Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, East Rochester, Columbiana County, Ohio.

Changes in New York Yearly Meeting.

In Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, William Cromwell for New York Monthly Meeting, in place of Mahlon Day, deceased; address, New York.

In Butternuts Quarterly Meeting, for New Hartford Monthly Meeting, Robert Townsend in place of Ferris Kellogg, deceased; address, Lane, Oneida County, New York; and Henry Dunn for Butternuts Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph Tabor, deceased; address, West Oneanta, Otsego County, New York.

In Cornwall Quarterly Meeting, for Cornwall Monthly Meeting, James T. Greene in place of Jonathan Thorne; address, Cornwall, Orange County, New York.

In Pelham Quarterly Meeting, for Pelham Monthly Meeting, Jacob Garner, Jr., in place of John Beane; address Port Robinson, Welland County, Canada West.

In Adrian Quarterly Meeting, in Adrian Monthly Meeting, Nathan Chase,

in place of David Steer; address, Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan.

Epays & Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore and North Carolina, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence, were now read, and being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Committee to cause a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been accomplished.

The Clerk is requested to cause three thousand copies of the Minutes of this Meeting printed, as last year.

The Clerk is authorised to make any necessary extracts from our Minutes, not already directed.

Having now disposed of the various concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention at this Yearly Meeting, in unity and love, and having been mercifully favored to witness from day to day, as we humbly believe, the rain of ancient goodness spread over us to our great comfort, desiring to ascribe all praise unto our Heavenly Father, we now come to a solemn conclusion of our Meeting, proposing to assemble again, at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

P.S. The following report should have been entered on page 229 of this book, immediately after the words: "Afternoon - Met according to adjournment."

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting -

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, and for other purposes, Report - That they have attended to the appointment, have examined his accounts and found them correct, showing a balance due the Treasurer of Six hundred, forty-one 99/100 dollars. We recommend that fifteen hundred dollars be raised for the services of the Meeting the ensuing year, and propose the name of David Buffum for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee,

Chas R Tucker,
Ebenr Frye.

Newport 6th mo. 13th, 1855"

- which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise the sum of $1500 in the proportion now determined by this Meeting as by report of the representatives which follows, and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer

"To the Yearly Meeting -

The representatives to whom was referred to alter, if way should open, the apportionment to the several Quarterly Meetings, having given attention to the

subject, recommend that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting pay twenty-three per cent - Salem, nineteen per cent - Sandwich, twenty-four - Falmouth, seven Smithfield, seven - Lapellcourage, eight - Dover, five and Fairfield, seven per cent, of any sum to be raised by the Yearly Meeting

William A Robinson in
behalf of the Representatives

Newport, 6th month 1855."

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 10th to the 14th inclusive of the sixth month, 1855 - to other Yearly Meetings of Friends: -

To the Yearly Meeting of London -

Dear Friends,

The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace has appeared to us to be exceeding precious, and we have ardently desired, while we have been together on the present occasion, its prevalence among us - and we have with reverence and fear to acknowledge, that through the abundings of his love, who first loved us, and gave himself for us, we have been favored, as we humbly trust, to witness a measure of that fellowship unto which believers are called, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord". Here is the hope, the only hope of the dedicated servants of Christ, those who by Him do believe in God that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory, that your faith and hope might be in God. Unto this hope we are all called, and to all the faithful, we believe, it is given to adopt the language of the Apostle when he says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time".

If the Christian experience thus described by the Apostle is in any measure ours, and as far as it is ours, our attachments are weaned from all undue love of the world and worldly things, and set on "those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God." To such as these how evanescent and fading do the enjoyments of this life appear, and not to be compared to the "glory that shall be revealed;" and while these shall be engaged faithfully to fulfil all the duties of life, and to be diligent in business, they will above all, be concerned to be "fervent in spirit serving the Lord".

In the transaction of the important affairs of the Society which have claimed

our attention at the present time, we have been mercifully blessed to witness the cementing influence of christian love, under which our deliberations have resulted harmoniously, and we have greatly desired, that when we shall separate one from another, at the conclusion of our meeting, our hearts being closely united together, our hopes may be animated and our spiritual strength renewed, strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man, rooted and grounded in love, knowing a measure of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. These favours come by Jesus Christ, who is the blessed head over all things to his church. By him alone came grace and truth. May we witness him, through living faith in his blessed name to be "made unto us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, that, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

It is a time of proving and sifting in our religious society. We crave that all may mine and more become grounded and settled in the everlasting truth. We long for the prevalence of the baptizing power of Christ, the humbling influence of the religion of Jesus, bringing us into nothingness of self, and to the acknowledgement, that unto us belongeth blushing and confusion of face, and that according to his mercy, he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Your acceptable epistle of last year, has been read in our meeting to our edification and comfort. You have been brought very near to us in the fellowship of the gospel of Christ, and we have been comforted in the remembrance, that as our fathers for many generations were favoured to hold sweet counsel with yours, and were closely united in Christian love, so we their sons are, though much mercy, bound together in the same love, the prevalence of which witnesses that we are not forsaken of the Lord. We desire to cherish these precious feelings in which we can mutually salute one another as brethren beloved.

It has pleased the Lord, from time to time, from the early times of our Society to send among us from your land, faithful Friends, labourers in the gospel of Christ our Redeemer, to preach among us the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to comfort our forefathers, and us, by their coming. Among these we remember with much affection and regard, our late beloved friend William Foster, who, as your epistle informs us, held certificates for religious service in our Yearly Meeting. In unerring wisdom, we have been deprived of this contemplated service, and we desire to bow in humble reverence before Him in whose hands are the lives of all men, and to acknowledge that He doeth all things well. We would tenderly sympathize with his bereaved family, and with you, our brethren, in your loss and ours, and take comfort in the blessed evidence, that our loss is his eternal gain; and that in peace, he was permitted after a life of much dedication to join the just of all generations.

The war which is now unhappily raging on the older continent, and in which your country is involved, must occasion you much anxious solicitude, that you may be found faithful in your allegiance to the prince of peace, nobly sustaining

the precious testimony of the Society, that all wars and fightings are antichristian, and that the gospel of Christ is emphatically a dispensation of peace on earth. We rejoice in your efforts to spread the evidence of this great truth among your countrymen, and offer you the word of encouragement herein, with the ardent desire that we feel, that it may please him, who ruleth among the kingdoms of men, in his mercy to cause the sword speedily to be sheathed, the tide of human blood, now flowing, to be stayed, and the mass of human misery now being occasioned by the present war speedily to cease. And O that none of us may be leavened into the spirit of contention and war - but that abiding in him whose love is unbounded, even him who gave himself for us, and died that we might live, we may shew forth to the world our unshaken belief in the peaceable nature of the gospel of Christ, and that wherever it prevails in the hearts of men, there wars will cease.

And may contentions cease among the professed followers of the meek and lowly Saviour. May they cease in the world, and among the nations of the earth. May we more and more become united together, and finally may we be permitted, when the trials of life with us shall terminate, to witness through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, having our robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb, and be admitted to his kingdom with exceeding joy.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Being again permitted to assemble as a Yearly Meeting, we would acknowledge with gratitude the continuance of divine love and regard towards us, under the precious influence of which, our hearts have been contrited, and we have been drawn to salute you in the love of the gospel, desiring that grace and peace be multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

We have been, at this time, renewedly made to feel the force of the language of our beloved Saviour, "Without me, ye can do nothing" - but we are comforted and strengthened in the belief, that, as we are enabled to look unto Him for help, he will qualify us for his work and service - that he will be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. And as we walk in the light, as he is in the light, it is declared that we shall have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son will cleanse us from all sin. It was to this light shed forth in the heart, that our worthy predecessors in the truth were concerned to invite the people to give heed; having through the manifestations thereof, been brought to see the situation in which we all stand by nature, and having been brought in mercy to experience a change of heart through the operation of the Holy Spirit, and to witness "repentance toward God, and

faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ", they were enabled to testify to the world, of the things which they had seen with their eyes, and which their hands had handled of the word of life, and they could invite others to come and have fellowship with them, knowing of a truth, that their fellowship was with the father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

It is to this blessed experience that we desire we may all strive to attain, that we may receive the Spirit of adoption, whereby we can cry Abba, Father, the Spirit itself bearing witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God. And when we are humbled under a sense of our own nothingness, when through mercy we are made to feel the need of Divine help to enable us to move forward in the right path, how comforting to the humble Christian traveller, to realize that he is not left without a guide and a teacher. How consoling is the language of the beloved disciple of our blessed Lord, when he said, "But the anointing which ye have received of Him, abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him". May we then be concerned to continue to live under the influence of this precious anointing, whereby we shall be able to discover what the will of the head of the church is concerning us, and receive ability to perform it, that being made free from sin, we may become servants to God, and have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Your acceptable Epistle of the 5th mo. last was received and read at this time, to our comfort and edification.

In examining the state of Society, as reported by our subordinate meetings, we can say with you, that we have been made to mourn on account of the deficiencies in the answers to some of the queries. Negligence in the due attendance of our religious meetings is apparent with some, and much tender counsel and advice have been imparted on account thereof. We have been affectionately reminded, that those who are careless in this respect, cannot expect any growth in the truth, but on the contrary weakness will come over them. Let us, beloved friends, be encouraged to encourage the lukewarm to faithfulness in this all important duty. And may we all be engaged, when assembled for the purpose of Divine worship, to have our minds centered upon the only Source of all good, looking unto Him for renewed ability to offer Him the tribute of broken and contrite hearts. As this is our concern, we believe, that, although no vocal sound may be heard in our midst, we shall from time to time experience the overshadowings of Divine love, under the influence of which, when we return to our homes, we shall be prepared to extend a helping hand to those, who, through unwatchfulness, may have been drawn aside, and who have become remiss in regard to their religious duties.

During the several sittings of this Meeting, we have in mercy been favoured to experience the wing of ancient goodness to be over us, and have been enabled to transact the affairs of the church in harmony and love. To the Lord alone, be all the praise. With the Salutation

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of love, we remain your friends

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends, Your acceptable and salutary Epistle of the present year was duly received, and being read in connection with similar communications from the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin, and from each of the Yearly Meetings on this continent (Philadelphia excepted) proved comforting and encouraging to us and your desire that our "approaching Assembly may be crowned with the presence of Emanuel, has been, we trust, in good measure realized; and as expressed by you "we have been made thankful for the season of favour with which we ourselves have been blessed". Should not the blessings vouchsafed from season to season produce that state of mind in which the query may be profitably applied to us as individuals and as a Church, "How much owest thou to my Lord?" for surely as individuals we have been largely blessed, and as a Religious Society we are highly favored: and under a renewed sense of our obligations to our Father in Heaven, who, of his abundant mercy, and for the sake of his dear Son our only Saviour hath greatly enriched our hearts with his spiritual gifts, we have been humbled before him.

Though sensible of many weaknesses, and of much falling short in the performance of our duty as Christians and professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet we are encouraged in the belief that with many of our members both younger and elder there is an abiding concern to live up to the exhortation of the Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians: "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," that there may be a building up in Christ Jesus, "to whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious, ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ; that ye should show forth the praises of Him, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light"

Faithfulness to the requirings of our Divine Lord and Master is prominently enforced throughout the New Testament to Him who died, that we might live, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us. O, that it may become more and more our prayerful engagement through submission to the operations of the Holy Spirit to be redeemed from all corruptible things, that as new-born babes in Christ, we may be found desiring the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby, and be concerned to bring forth in our lives and conversation "the

fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance - against such there is no law.'"

Among the causes that are prominently apparent as preventing an advancement and growth in spiritual things is a love of the world. "If that loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in him. If we love the Saviour who so loved us that he left the bosom of the Father and died for us, we should seek to be redeemed from the love of the world, and should be engaged to join our hearts unto him, in whom alone is help, and who in mercy unspeakable "came not into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved".

In considering the state of Society as brought to view by the answers to the queries from our subordinate meetings, Friends were introduced into a lively concern for the welfare of our beloved Society and its various members both present and absent, and although deficiencies were apparent in reference to the support of several prominent Testimonies, yet we were encouraged in the belief that an engagement is felt to labour and not to faint. The condition of the younger members of our Society was plainly brought to view, and their elder brethren encouraged to extend their care over them in tenderness and love, and towards those in a particular manner who through disobedience or unwatchfulness have in measure gone astray, to act the part of the good Samaritan, bind up the broken hearted, encouraging the weak in the paths of virtue and religion.

We have been favored to conduct the weighty affairs that have claimed our attention, at this time, with entire harmony and unanimity of feeling, and permitted to rejoice that way has, at length, opened to renew our correspondence with our beloved friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting, having received a satisfactory Epistle, from that body, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of the 10th mo. last, with the accompanying documents, was duly received, and the reading of them has given rise to feelings of sympathy for you and others similarly situated on account of the trials which you and other dear friends have had to meet from that desolating spirit which has been permitted so to divide and scatter the members of some portions of our beloved Society. But, dear friends, may we ever keep in mind that He, who permits these trials to come upon us, is abundantly able to strengthen us to bear them; and, that as we continue patiently to endure the turning of his holy hand upon us, He will, in his own due and appointed time, bring deliverance to all those who humbly and reverently wait for his arising. Let us not faint, nor grow weary in well doing for the promise is

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"In due time ye shall reap if ye faint not." And although the exercise and travail which have been extended toward our brethren may have failed to convince them of their error, these labors of love, if entered into under the constraining influence of the love of God, will assuredly bring the reward of sweet peace to those who are exercised therein. Therefore, dear friends, may we receive these dispensations as chastenings at the hand of the Lord, intended, as they are properly abode under for our purification, as marks of this love, and as evidences that we have a claim to the title of His children agreeably to the declaration of an apostle of our blessed Lord, "What son is he whom the Father chastens not?

In a view of our stripped condition, we may, at times, feel that discouragements do abound, but in these seasons of depression, may we bear in mind that He who can alone qualify for every work and service, can work by few as well as by many, and that according to the testimony of the Apostle, "He hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty, **** yea, and things that are not, to bring to naught things that are".

We have been favored, as we humbly trust, during the several sittings of this our annual assembly, to experience the overshadowings of divine goodness, mercifully, and under the enabling influence thereof, we have been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church, that have claimed our attention, with much christian unanimity. And although, as evinced by the answers to the queries, now presented, deficiencies still exist among us, and many appear to be too much drawn aside by the allurements of the world from the only position of true honor as men and as christians - "for him that honoreth me I will honor", yet we have been comforted by the evidence presented that there are a goodly number both among the younger as well as the elder class of our Society, who are increasingly devoting themselves to His cause. May such, both with us and you, be encouraged perseveringly to fight the good fight of faith, continue the warfare unto the end, that they may receive the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls.

We have been comforted in again renewing our correspondence with our brethren of Ohio Yearly Meeting, having received, at this time, an Epistle from that body, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk.

We have had, at this time, the acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, the weightiness of whose spirits, and the savor of their gospel ministrations have been comforting and edifying to us

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To North Carolina:

Dear Friends,

In being together at this time, in our Yearly Meeting, we have again

been permitted to enjoy renewed evidence of the great kindness of our Father in heaven. And whilst we have felt humbled under a sense of our abundant needs, we have also felt that it is good still to trust in Him whose mercy endureth forever.

On the reading of the Epistles addressed to us, our dear friends of other Yearly Meetings have been brought very near in feelings of Christian love and regard. Whilst we deplore the existence in our beloved Society of the spirit of disaffection, and its unhappy consequences, it is with much satisfaction that we acknowledge the renewal of correspondence with our brethren of Ohio, in the receipt of an Epistle from that Yearly Meeting of ninth month last, signed by Jonathan Binns, as Clerk. As expressed in yours to us: "We regard such intercourse as a source of much good to our Society, when maintained upon right ground. The true ground of all Christian union and communion in the Church consists in our love to our Father in heaven. If we love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our souls, our walk before Him will be with reverence and godly fear, if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth from all sin. The prophet Malachi alluding to this fellowship of the faithful uses this language: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it: and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

In the arduous and multiplied services often called for at your hands in watching over and caring for the interests of your oppressed and deeply injured fellow beings, you share our tenderest sympathy, together with our earnest solicitude that your hands may be strengthened still faithfully to serve in the cause of freedom. Entrenched as the system of Slavery is on every hand, and accelerated in its growth by its late stealthy cultivation, to the human eye there seems an impenetrable cloud hanging over the future prospects of its victims. Yet when we reflect that those deeds of signal mercy which have been turned to the rescue of man from oppression, have been perfected with little of human agency, it seems beyond our right to question what the hand of the Lord may yet do, or to decide where our labor of love and travail may end. In the view of the Christian believer, the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ promises the only true and certain remedy for this fearful evil. Wherever the reforming and subduing power of the Gospel is found laying "the axe at the root of the tree", there its pure spirit of love and of mercy and of good will shut out every specious argument on which man can become the oppressor of man. And we can but desire for our dear friends (as for ourselves) that whatever may be laid upon them to this end, in the service of our gracious Master, they may devotedly labor therein, and always pray and not faint.

With much satisfaction we notice that your Boarding School continues to claim your Christian concern, and that its benefits in affording a means for the guarded education of the youth amongst you have been largely felt. We would desire to encourage our beloved friends in this good work. If we would have our children

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remain members of our Christian Society, and become useful members of it, there can be no question that they should be educated as such. Remove from the beloved son or daughter those influences which are unfavorable to a settlement in the Truth, or, rather, bring up a child in the way he should go, and, we have the assurance of the wise king that when he is old, he will not depart from it. It is our earnest desire for ourselves and for our friends everywhere that we may more and more feel the responsibility resting on us towards this interesting class, and that as we love them and regard their highest interest we may be so engaged in our care for them, that in the end we may exclaim with the prophet of old: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me".

With the salutations of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of 10th month last was received and read in this meeting to our comfort and edification: Epistles were also read from the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and from all the Yearly Meetings on this continent, except that of Philadelphia. Accompanying your epistle, and also that from Baltimore were reports relative to the separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting. These reports having been read, and the Meeting being informed by the Clerk that an Epistle was in his hands from the body referred to in them of which Jonathan Binns was Clerk, it was with entire unanimity concluded by the Meeting that it should be received and read as the epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, and the Committee on epistles was instructed to prepare an answer thereto.

It is, we trust, with feelings of thankfulness to our Almighty Keeper, that we contemplate this renewal of our Christian intercourse with our brethren of that × × ×. Yearly Meeting. Your sympathies, as well as ours, have been with them in their tried situation for a number of years past, and you will be able to rejoice with us, that they have at length been delivered from the difficulties in which they were involved, and enabled to enter into full correspondence with their brethren of the other Yearly Meetings. The spirit of separation comes from the accuser of the brethren, and is nurtured in the unsanctified will of man. It is out of the truth. It is the spirit of jealousy, which is "cruel as the grave." On the other hand "love is stronger than death". These two are utterly opposed to each other, and cannot exist together. How necessary is it then for us, individually, to examine what spirit we are of, and whether we truly give this evidence of being the disciples of Christ: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "God is love". God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us." "If God

so loved us, we ought also to love one another"

How great is the love displayed in the plan of redemption of lost and fallen man! How utterly do earthly objects and pursuits sink into insignificance, when brought into comparison with this love! And yet how liable we are, through unwatchfulness, to forget that it was his divine purpose, in placing us on this earth, his footstool, that we should glorify, love and serve him. Surely, we should love him, because he first loved us. Blessed be his Holy name, he is a sure refuge in time of trouble. Our Saviour has invited us to cast all our care upon him. When laden with a sense of sinfulness and infirmities, or bowed under feelings of discouragement on account of the Church, where shall we find consolation except in the mercies of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. And we desire that our trials and afflictions may be to us a means of refinement, and of purification from the dross of a worldly spirit.

Among the various subjects which have engaged the attention of the Meeting, the duty of parents in the religious training of their children, occupied a prominent place. How important is it to imbue their minds in their tender years, when impressions are most deeply made, with a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. The apostle Paul, in addressing Timothy, uses this impressive language: "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". The daily perusal of these invaluable writings with our families gathered about us, is a practice which cannot but be salutary in its effects upon the minds of our dear children. And what precious opportunities are these for such explanation and instruction as may be adapted to their capacities, or such as we may feel qualified to impart. In the law of Moses is this impressive exhortation in relation to the commandments, statutes and judgments contained therein: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up"

We have been favored to transact the various concerns that have occupied the attention of the meeting in harmony and brotherly love. Grateful for the favour, and craving of the Father of mercies, that we and you may be preserved in the precious unity of the Gospel, in which are no jars, rents or divisions, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

P.S. This Yearly Meeting has under appointment a Committee to promote the interests of the Indians located west of the Mississippi River, who are authorized to cooperate with Committees of other Yearly Meetings, should such be appointed.

N.B. The above "P.S." was appended to the Epistle to each Yearly Meeting addressed this year.

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To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

"We salute you in the love and fellowship of the Gospel, craving that "Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord" be with you". We have received from you, at this time, your Epistle addressed to us by your Meeting held in the 9th month, last year, in which you narrate the various causes which have so long interrupted our correspondence, by preventing you from addressing us, and from receiving our communications to you, and express your belief that way has opened in the will of Him, who hath the times and seasons in His hand, to resume it. On the presentation of your Epistle to this Meeting, and in view of the trials and conflicts through which you have passed and which still may attend you, we were brought into deep sympathy with you, with fervent desires that you might unceasingly look unto the Great Head of the Church, for that wisdom, strength and comfort, which come from Him alone. We feel for ourselves the necessity and the blessedness of abiding in great humility under trials, and of seeking to dwell very near to Him, who can surely direct and preserve us. We earnestly crave this direction and preservation for you - that as He has been pleased to open for you a door of escape, you may continue to realise, that in abiding in Him alone is your safety and peace. We pray for you. We crave that you may not only walk in the fear, but in the comfort and light of the Lord - that as a portion of His Church, you may witness Him to be your glorious Head - your crown - your diadem - your hope - your rejoicing - that you may be willing still to suffer, if this is permitted unto you, and in all things to bless and magnify His name, who sitteth upon the Throne and ruleth King. You are brought very near to us. We desire to offer you the language of encouragement - to speak to you words of comfort - to commend you to the source of strength. Our adorable Saviour careth for His Church and people. His arm is omnipotent, and on it we may surely depend. His eye is upon us - his ear is open to us, and under the shadow of His wing, we may safely trust.

While we have deeply sympathised with you, and, at the same time, have felt that the Lord has been near you, and has delivered you, we have also been concerned for those who have separated from you, who we apprehend have yielded to some extent to a spirit of delusion that has led them captive, and whose restoration to the Truth we sincerely crave. May you, beloved friends, and may we endeavour to keep the door open to all those, both among you and us, whom it may please the Head of the Church so to turn that they may be again united to us in the blessed bonds of christian fellowship.

Our present Yearly Meeting has been a season of divine favor, in which we have been brought near together, and have been enabled to attend to the various concerns of the Church that have claimed our attention, in unity and love - for which we desire gratefully to ascribe all the praise unto Him, unto whom alone it is due. With brotherly love, we

affectionately bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Jr. Clerk

P.S. As this meeting has been informed in your Epistle that most of the communications addressed by us to you for several years were withheld from you, the Clerk of our Meeting is directed to forward you copies of the same that if they should be still retained by those who have separated from you, these authenticated copies may be in your posession to be disposed of as you may desire. And the Clerk is also directed to furnish you with the names of the correspondents of all our meetings.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 15th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 16th of Sixth month, 1856!

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island — Rowland Greene, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Timothy G. Collins, Jonathan Freeborn, Josiah Chace and Perez Peck.

From Salem —— Estes Newhall, Josiah D. Challis, Stephen A. Chase, Enoch Page, Abijah Johnson, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Samuel Boyce, Thomas Folsom, Moses H. Rogers and Newell Ordway.

From Sandwich —— William J. Cowland, Isaac K. Gifford, Calvin Shepherd, David Kelley, Stephen Dillingham, Seage Easton, Seage Almy, Newell Hoxie, Charles K. Tucker and Daniel Macomber.

From Falmouth —— Thomas Jones, John Buffum, Abram Winslow, Joseph Hawks Harrison Magoon, Henry H. Minott and Josiah Winslow.,

From Smithfield —— Thomas Grover, John Osborne, James N. Fry, Charles Hadwen, Edward Earle and Albert S. Dawson

From Vassalboro' —— John D. Lang, Edmund Estes, James Jones, Eli Jones, Levi Gardner, Timothy Hanson, Stephen Jones, Edmund Whitehouse, Ebenezer Faye and James Van Blarcum.

From Dover —— Tobias Meader, Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye and John Estes.

From Fairfield —— Samuel Taylor, Jr., Alden Sampson, David Douglass, Levi Jones, Charles M. Bailey and Moses Bailey —

whose names being called, they were all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was rendered.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends Jared Patterson of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; David H. Bennett, of Butternuts Monthly Meeting; Anna Adams, of Adarborough Monthly Meeting, New York; Rebecca T. Updegraff, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Bersheba G. Kerendeen of Farmington Monthly Meeting, New York; Ann Kenworthy, of White Water Monthly

Meeting; and Huldah W. Hoag, of East Grove Monthly Meeting, Indiana; certificates from their respective Meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Ira Lapham, accompanying our friend Bersheba S. Melendeen; Henry Bull, companion to our friend David W. Bennett, William Kenworthy, as companion to his wife Ann Kenworthy; William Hill, companion to our friend Jared Batteson; Ephraim B. Ratliff, accompanying our friend Huldah H. Hoag, and David Updegraff, companion to his wife, Rebecca T. Updegraff, and have received and read satisfactory testimonials on their behalf from their several meetings.

The London General Epistle for 1855 has been read at this time, and we feel it to be pertinent and instructive; and commending it to the serious attention of our subordinate meetings and to Friends individually, we appoint our friends William C. Tabor and George Howland, Jun. to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings through the representatives.

Interesting and truly acceptable epistles, addressed to us by our beloved brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, have been received and read and our dear friends of these different meetings have been brought very near to us, under, we trust, the fresh flowings of gospel love. We appoint the following Friends to prepare epays in reply to these epistles, and present them to a future sitting of this Meeting, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Nazum M. Hussey, Samuel Boyce, Thomas S. Gifford, Samuel Boyce, Jun., John L. Lang, William C. Tabor, Uriah Sampson, Eli Jones, Samuel Austin, Joseph Wilcox, James Van Kleeck, Lindley Coggeshall, Edward Earle, Newell Hoxie, William H. Robinson, John Osborne, David Buffum, Caleb Jones, Charles R. Tucker, Richard Batty, Daniel Wade, Henry M. Minott, George Howland, Jr., Oliver Pope and Joseph Metcalf.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the payment of the stock directed to be raised by this meeting last year - and we appoint our friends Thomas Hackney, Micajah C. Pratt, William C. Tabor, Henry M. Minott, John Milton Earle, Stephen Jones, Amos D. Pointer and Moses Bailey, to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Salem has united with Weare Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Hannah Page and Sabina A. Page to the station of Elders, and that Dover has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peter H. Meader to the same station.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met pursuant to adjournment.

Rowland Greene, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together and were agreed in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase for asistant Clerk, which being united with, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting for last year, were now read.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, are continued for another year to unite with a similar Committee of the women's meeting, in the care and superintendence of the School - and they are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence have given attention to the objects of their appointment, and now report -

That the school being vacated at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee were desired, as by minute of the Yearly Meeting, "to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arangements, so far as may be practicable for such opening."

In pursuance of this conclusion, the Committee proceeded to consider what arangements would best promote its objects, and on mature deliberation came to the following results, viz: That it is desirable and expedient in the proposed opening of the school, to provide - That the teaching in the schools shall be provided for by contract at a fixed rate to be hereafter agreed upon, the same to be made satisfactory to the Committee. That it is also further desirable and expedient, that the board of the scholars should be provided for by contract, at a fixed price, under such regulations as may be established by the Committee, including all the domestic arangements of the family.

The Committee were enabled to carry out these conclusions, substantially, by a contract entered into with Joseph Cartland, who, with his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents of the School, to furnish the necessary asistant Teachers, and the board of the scholars, and to conduct the school in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Committee, both as to Teachers that are employed by them, and in all other respects, and to pay all expenses that accrue from thus conducting the School.

To the purpose of carrying out this contract, it was agreed that they should have the use of the School premises, and that as compensation for the service required by the contract, they should receive the moneys paid for board and tuition of the Scholars, have the use and improvement of the farm, and that they should further receive from the income of the School

Fund the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid them semi-annually, one-half at the close of each term.

Under this arrangement, the School was opened for the winter term on Fourth Day, 31st of 10th month last, and one hundred and fifty-seven pupils were then and subsequently admitted, and attended the School for the whole or part of the term; of whom eighty-three were males and seventy-four were females.

The assistant teachers employed were Timothy B. Kupsey, Charles W. Earle Elizabeth S. Jones, Anna McKee, Pamelia C. Varney, and Sarah E. Whittier in the English branches; Joseph W. Congdon, Teacher of Greek, Latin, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Catharine E. Haase, Teacher of French, German and Needle Work, and Marianna Stanton, Teacher of Drawing.

The various branches taught in the School, are indicated by the above list of Teachers, and they embrace such as are believed to be most useful in fitting the pupils for the varied duties of life.

The Committee have exercised a constant supervision over the Institution in its various departments during the year; and since the opening of the School, have held meetings monthly, with the exception of one month, having sub-committees appointed at each meeting for its more immediate care.

It is a source of much satisfaction to believe that the Institution has been conducted in a manner to promote the objects of its establishment - that good order and harmony have generally prevailed, and that the progress of the scholars, in their various studies, has been satisfactory. Care has been taken to promote a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of our religious principles.

Meetings for worship, on First Day mornings, have been held in the school house as heretofore - the scholars, at other times, attending the meeting of Friends in Providence. In these meetings the conduct of the scholars has been becoming, and many of them have been seasons of much interest.

The examination at the close of the term, was attended by many of the members of the School Committee, by members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education and other Friends. The exercises of the scholars gave evidence of attention and diligence on their part, and of faithfulness on the part of the Principals and assistant Teachers. There was evidence that much care had been extended to promote the objects of the Institution, in imparting a guarded education, and instilling into the minds of the children, the principles of morality and virtue. The close of the examination, furnished an interesting opportunity with the schools, which was marked by much solemnity, and we trust may be remembered by them in after time.

The health of the scholars has generally been preserved. One death has taken place. George M. Underhill, of New York, a young Friend, who, for several terms had been at the school, and who had by his orderly and exemplary deportment, endeared himself to the officers of the Institution, died very suddenly of

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malignant sore throat. On this occasion, a religious meeting was held at the School, which was a solemn and favored season. After which the remains were conveyed to his friends.

The following minute was made by the Committee in reference to this event: "This renewed evidence of the uncertainty of time, has clothed our minds with feelings of deep solemnity and awakened increased desires that we may all give diligent heed to the injunction of our blessed Lord and Saviour, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh".

The accounts of the Institution have been examined and audited. Those relating to the Charitable Fund, stand as follows, viz:

Receipts for the year,		$ 455.
Payments, for board and tuition of eight Scholars	$ 320	
" due Treasurer from this fund last year	8.75	
Cash in Treasurer's hands at the close of the last term, applicable to the coming term	126.25	$ 455.

The accounts relating to the general fund stand as follows, viz:

Receipts, from income of School Fund,		$ 6,454.84
" sundry small debts collected,		146.10
		$ 6,600 94

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principals):

By Treasurer to C.W. Earle, while the school was vacated, for his services and for sundry expenditures on the farm, &c.*	$ 875 94
Insurance, $165. Interest, $228 46.	393.46
Repairs, furniture, &c.	1,485.55
To Joseph Eastland on contract,	1,500.
	$ 4,254 95
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	$ 2,345 99

This sum has been applied towards the payment of the debts of the Institution

These debts as reported last year were		$ 8,276 96
Of which there was due from the Charitable Fund, since paid from that fund		8 75
Leaving the debt against the general fund,		$ 8,268 21
From which deduct the above excess of receipts over expenditures the past year,		$ 2,345 99
Leaves the present debt against the general fund		$ 5,922 22

Under our present arrangements, it will be seen, that provision is made for the gradual payment of the debts of the Institution

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the subject of a course of study, for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, to be continued through a period of four years. This course is not intended to

* As an offset to this expenditure, it may be stated, that of the produce of the farm, at $ 1,235.39, which appears [illegible] account.

interfere in any degree with the instruction as heretofore given in the School, but to be applicable only to those who may wish to pursue it; and in this view it has met with the approbation of the Committee.

We would propose that the charge per term of twenty-two weeks, for board and tuition be $40, for members of our Yearly Meeting; - $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or are sent at the charge of members of our Religious Society; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French, or in Drawing; - Books and Stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

For certain regulations as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times of the admission of scholars &c., we refer to the accompanying circular, issued by the Committee in the seventh month last.

We commend the Institution to the continued interest and care of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee -

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk."

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of Scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission Scholars into the School.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, & the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that Scholars will be at the School punctually at the commencement of the terms, but if circumstances occur to prevent such

attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund are to be made to the Principals.

Address Joseph Gartland, Principal
Friends Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

Accompanying the Epistle addressed to this Meeting by our Brethren of London Yearly Meeting, the following minute of that Meeting was received, viz:-

"Yearly Meeting, 1855.

The circumstances of our Friends who come from America to this country in the work of the ministry, have again engaged our brotherly consideration. Whilst feeling the importance of in nowise interfering with the blessed guidance of the Spirit of Truth in their religious movements, this Meeting is of the judgment, that advantage would arise from our dear Friends proceeding to London as soon as may be after their arival in this country, whenever they can conveniently do so, and feel it not incompatible with the pointings of duty; in order that, in accordance with the regulations of this Meeting, their certificates might be verified by the Meeting for sufferings, and an opportunity be at the same time afforded them, for attending the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and thus early partaking of the sympathy and aid of the members of that Meeting. But in offering this suggestion, we desire that our brethren and sisters from a distant land, travelling amongst us in the service of the Gospel, may continue to receive from Friends everywhere a large measure of kind assistance and Christian sympathy.

(Copy.) James Bowden."

We have also received a statement of the proceedings of London Yearly Meeting, in relation to the late division in Ohio Yearly Meeting, which was read, and the views of true Church order, the feelings of Christian love, and the sound advice contained therein, were interesting and cordial to us, and the further disposition of this document is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings

Our friends Ellis Gifford, Micajah C. Pratt, Newell Moscie, Caleb Jones, John Milton Earle, Stephen Jones, Benajah Buffum and David Douglas are appointed to prepare a summary of the Answers and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third day morning, the 17th, the Meeting convened according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Meeting entered upon a consideration of the State of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from the several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein to the second inclusive. As in former years, it is sorrowfully apparent that there is not that practical acknowledgment of our dependence upon our Heavenly Father, which the careful attendance of all our religious meetings for his worship manifests before the world - and very solemn and impressive were the admonitions and entreaties of beloved concerned brethren for greater faithfulness in this respect. It is evident if we loved the Lord supremely, with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength, we should not fail to render unto Him any sacrifice that He may require at our hands - and we should rejoice in the seasons set apart for waiting upon Him, when we may be favored to draw near unto Him, and to enjoy, unworthy as we are, a sweet sense of his presence. We should love the habitation of the Lord, the place where his honor dwelleth - and rendering unto Him the tribute of subdued and humble hearts, we should be enabled, in living faith, to look unto Him as a rewarder of all those that diligently seek Him. Brethren, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, was the exhortation of an apostle of the blessed Redeemer; and, also, that we should yield our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him which is our reasonable service. Did we feel, as it was mercifully manifested, the love of our blessed Saviour to the children of men - did we realize that through Him alone we can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven - that He is the door - that it is before Him we are to stand in the last day - that He is the Judge of quick and dead - that unto Him we are to render our account - we should be deeply engaged, at all times, and in every situation of our lives, to confess Him before men - to acknowledge Him, both in word and in deed, as our Master whom we delight to honor, and with a humble hope that He will be graciously pleased to acknowledge us in that day before his Father and the holy angels. Love to God and love to man are inseparable. God is love, and he that dwells in God dwells in love. If we love Him whom we have not seen, we shall not fail to love our brother whom we have seen. Love is the bridge of discipleship, and earnest has been the concern in this meeting that the blessed fellowship and love of the Gospel may increase and more and more abound among us; and we trust the prayer of the Church has been fervently raised that our members everywhere may be preserved in true love to God and love one unto another.

Adjourned to four o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled, and concluded the reading of the queries and answers.

During this engagement a solemn covering was felt to be spread over us - and a lively concern was manifested for the maintenance of all our testimonies in their purity and with an enlightened understanding of their origin. The inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, was feelingly dwelt upon and

Friends were tenderly exhorted and encouraged to the daily perusal of them, with their families collected about them, and not to neglect the frequent reading of them in retirement with the heart reverently turned unto Him from whom they came that they may be opened to their understandings and tend to bring them unto Christ. The example of the early members of this religious society in becoming acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, and the high value they placed upon them, were instructively adverted to, and Friends were earnestly recommended practically to follow them in this respect.

The following is a summary of the Answers received, Viz:

(1) It appears from the answers of three of the Quarterly Meetings that all the meetings thereto belonging have been attended. In the other five Quarters thirty-eight meetings have been omitted, in consequence, chiefly or entirely, of a widely extended snow storm, and consequent impassible state of the roads, and of the great severity of the weather. The meetings on first days have been generally well attended; while, in most of the reports, a sorrowful neglect is acknowledged on the part of a portion of the members, in the attendance of mid-week meetings for worship and discipline. The hour is generally observed. A few cases of sleeping are reported in all the answers. No complaint is made of other unbecoming behaviour, with one exception. Five reports state that care has been taken in reference to these deficiencies.

(2) A good degree of love and unity appear to prevail, yet a few exceptions are made in some of the reports - in one of which it is stated that care has been taken. Detraction is mostly guarded against; and care has been taken, when differences have occurred, to end them.

(3) Care appears to be taken by most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from corrupt conversation; while some are not so exemplary as would be best, either as relates to themselves or those under their care. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families.

(4) The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, with seven or eight individual exceptions, noted in the aggregate of four reports, in two of which reports, it is stated that care has been taken. The frequenting of taverns and other places of public resort is generally guarded against. Moderation and temperance are observed on the occasions referred to in the Query.

(5) Care has been taken to provide for the necessities of the poor, and the education of their children. In three of the Quarterly Meetings, one child in each, has been placed out from among Friends.

(6) Friends appear to have been careful to conform to the requisitions of discipline in regard to marriage, with the exception of a few cases of keeping company on that account and of marrying with those not in membership with us, as reported in a part of the Answers. In these cases care appears generally, to have been extended.

(7) Due testimony in relation to the several particulars specified in the 7th Query appears

to be maintained, with some slight exception named in two of the reports, of the attendance of meetings where there was a hireling ministry.

(8) Friends with little exception, noted below, are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances. One answer reports three failures, another states two cases of want of punctuality in the fulfilment of promises, in which care has been taken.

(9) Due care appears to have been taken in regard to records. Several instances of removals, without certificates, have taken place, but the precise number is not reported. In some of the cases it is stated that care has been taken.

(10) Care is taken, in a good degree, to deal with offenders as queried after, and judgment appears to have been placed, in the authority of Truth, according to discipline.

In answering the queries, our subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this Meeting to embrace not only the information received from the Monthly Meetings at the Quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintenance of our meetings during the year, and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters, for this purpose.

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this Meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year, with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable. The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to subordinate meetings.

We have at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Esther Hathaway, companion to our friend Bersheba B. Greendeen; and of Lydia Esther Knight, companion to our friend Huldah H. Hoag, and satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings have been now read.

The Committee on Correspondence is requested to prepare Epistles of returning minutes for our friends now in attendance of this meeting, with certificates from other Yearly Meetings, and present them at a future sitting.

The following proposition contained in the Report from Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting is united with by this Meeting, viz:-

"Received a communication from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, uniting with us in a proposition for an alteration in the line between the two Meetings, by annexing the Town of Chester, on the west side of Penobscot River, to this Quarterly Meeting, which we submit to the judgment and determination of the Yearly Meeting."

The following information is contained in the Report from Salem Quarter viz:-

At the request of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, this meeting has concluded that the Monthly Meeting heretofore held at Pittsfield, in the 10th month, be

held in future at Epping; that the one held at Seabrook, in the 12th month, be held at Amesbury, and that the one held at Amesbury in the 11th month be held at Seabrook. All to be held at the same time as heretofore.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth Day morning, the 18th, Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various important concerns that have claimed its attention, were approved by this Meeting; and the Friends now under appointment (with the exception of our friend Charles Atherton, removed from within the limits of this Yearly Meeting) are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for another year, to act, as heretofore, on behalf of this Meeting, according to the organization and appointment of that Meeting.

The following proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders was weightily considered by this Meeting, and united with, and adopted as the discipline of our Meeting in this respect, (the women's meeting uniting therein) viz:-

"In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed:-

As these are officers of the Church at large, let the Monthly Meeting, after they have approved such as they adjudge duly anointed and qualified for that service, (the name or names having been introduced either through the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, or by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for that purpose) acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who, after solidly waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and acquaint the select meeting thereof; who are also to enter the appointment on their minutes, and the friends so appointed may then sit in any of our meetings of ministers and elders. Information of such appointment is to be given by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting, through its Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and their names entered on the respective Records of those meetings.

The following order is to be observed in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances of any Friend in the Ministry.

Where any Friend appears in public ministry whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the preparative meeting for ministers and elders, within the limits of which he or she belongs, is convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, it is then to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, for its consideration, and when said Quarterly Meeting shall have united therein, without any record being made of its judgment, the said preparative meeting may lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, which after weighting, feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same shall be recorded

and sent forward in like manner as in the case of Elders.

Friends are advised in these proceedings to be weighty in their spirits and careful in their conversation, that no harm come to any from a disclosure before the time of what may be under the consideration of Friends; that all may be kept in the love and unity of the Gospel.

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause an edition of our Book of Discipline to be printed, containing the regulations, which, from time to time, have been adopted in this Meeting, with such revision of the language, not affecting the meaning, as it may deem proper, and copies furnished to the various subordinate meetings.

The subject of a change of place for holding this Yearly Meeting, which, for a specified purpose, was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, being now brought before us by the following minute from that Meeting, claimed the solid and deliberate consideration of this Meeting, in which there was a manifestation of condescension and tender regard of Friends one for another, and a desire for the full preservation of those bonds of Christian unity, which, we believe, now bind together the different members of this Yearly Meeting - and was without any dissenting expression adopted. It is as follows, viz: -

"The Committee to make legal inquiry whether the removal of our Yearly Meeting would invalidate the title to our Trust property, presented the following report: -

"To the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Committee appointed to make careful inquiry whether a change in the place of holding the sessions of our Yearly Meeting would in any way invalidate the title to the Trust Funds now in its possession, have attended to their appointment. They have procured the opinions of legal counsel on the question - which they have heretofore laid before the Meeting for Sufferings, and which have been read in that Meeting.

The result of their inquiries is, that there are doubts whether the removal contemplated, may not injuriously affect the title of the Yearly Meeting to the possession of the Trust Funds now held by that Meeting, unless additional legislation is procured from the Government of Rhode Island and perhaps from Massachusetts; - and such legislation it is thought it may be difficult if not impracticable to obtain at the present time.

We would suggest for the consideration of the Meeting, whether it may not, under all circumstances, be reasonable and best for Friends to look towards some arrangement, by which the travelling expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be equalized.

On behalf of the Committee,

John Osborne,
John D. Lang.

Newport, 6th mo., 16th, 1856."

Which, being read and approved, is accepted; and the Committee are

released from further attention thereto - And this Meeting recommends to the Yearly Meeting, that measures be promptly taken whereby the suggestion made by the Committee relative to making some arrangements by which the travelling expenses of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting may be equalized may be carried out."

The Meeting for Sufferings is requested promptly to proceed in endeavoring to establish a fund, the income of which, may be appropriated towards equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends attending this Meeting, as contemplated in the minute of the Meeting for Sufferings which has been now adopted, and to take such other measures as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of that minute.

Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - Met by adjournment.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located West of the Mississippi, made the subjoined report, which is interesting and acceptable to us - and although way has not opened for much active service in the concern during the past year, the Committee, (with the exception of our friend, Charles Atherton, removed from our limits,) is continued under appointment and requested to act on our behalf, as way may open for it, and report to this Meeting next year, viz: -

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee upon the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the Indians West of the Mississippi River,

Report, - That during the past year the Committee have been able to bestow little or no active service - yet they have not been unmindful of their appointment; but have sought information on the subject, and endeavored to ascertain if there was any way open for Friends to exert themselves for this much injured race, with any prospect of usefulness.

With respect to many of the more uncivilized tribes lying far west upon our continent, it is to be feared that they are being treated by the whites, who are now pressing eagerly over their lands, as the Indians were treated by some of the early emigrants on the eastern shores of the country, and that the same scenes of war and bloodshed are resulting, in which, as heretofore, the poor Indian is overborne and despoiled of his inheritance.

On the western border of our present organized States, are situated various remnants of tribes, who originally occupied the lands upon the Atlantic coast - these in pursuance of the policy of our Government, have been removed to their present location under a pledge that the lands to which they were removed should be secured to them and their children "so long as the grass grows and the water runs." But this pledge is likely to fail. The land is wanted for the white man, and the Indian must give way. How sad and humiliating to contemplate these scattered remnants of a once powerful race of people, in

undisputed possession of this broad land, now reduced to the comparatively small pittance of their former possessions, and even this coveted by the rich grasping hand of our more powerful race.

Surely a debt of no small magnitude is due from us to them. In what way can it be discharged, is a question which cannot but be interesting to every Christian mind among us.

The policy of our Government seems now to be, to obtain from the Indians cessions of the lands which were pledged to them on their removal to the west of the Mississippi, leaving to them reservations of comparatively small extent, with a view of locating them upon farms, and eventually conveying to them, individually, titles to the farms upon which they may be thus located: thus breaking up the system of ownership by tribes, their immemorial system, and introducing the custom of ownership similar to that of our people; and the hope is that the Indian may be induced to abandon the customs of his ancestors, and adopt those of the white man, and eventually be so merged in the mass of our population as to become our fellow citizens. Under all the circumstances of their case, perhaps this may be the only alternative left and the one most likely to save them from utter extinguishment.

But surely it becomes the philanthropy and the Christianity of our country to see to it, that, in this attempted plan of converting the Indian of the forest to the citizen of a civilised government, all the influences of the religion we profess, and all the advantages of the education with which we are favored, which are adapted to his case, should be extended to him.

The religious community can doubtless exert a useful influence on the Government in devising or forwarding these ends. And it is to be hoped that Friends, wherever situated in our land, will not fail of their duty in this respect.

The following extract from the report of the Commissioners of Indian affairs, laid before the present session of Congress, will serve to illustrate the plans now in operation, for the location of the Indians. The Commissioner remarks, "a change for the better seems to be taking place in the condition and prospects of the Indians of Minnesota. The Chippewas of the Mississippi appear to understand and appreciate the policy and objects of the treaty, made with them in February last, by which the different bands are to be concentrated on small reservations, in suitable localities; the lands to be divided among them in severalty; and where they are required to devote themselves to industrial pursuits. Their hereditary chief, Hole in the Day, who headed the delegation to this city, (Washington) with whom the treaty was made, has set them a most excellent and commendable example, having on his return home, gone earnestly to work, and practically demonstrated to his people, the advantages of personal exertions and industry. He raised not only an abundant supply of grain and vegetables for his own family, but had a considerable surplus to dispose of, at the annuity payment, to those who had been less provident. The assembled tribe there saw and

understood, in the case of one of their own people, a leading and influential man among them, some of the advantages and benefits of a settled and industrious course of life. One of the most marked evidences of the commencement of a spirit of improvement among these people is seen in a growing disposition to dispense with the peculiar dress of the Indian, and adopt that of civilised life.

"A new treaty with the Winnebagoes, embracing the same policy was also made in February last, by which they were assigned a new and more suitable home on the Blue Earth river, south of the Minnesota, with which they were well pleased, and where nearly the whole of them have quietly and contentedly settled down. They have been more temperate and orderly than heretofore, and have manifested an encouraging disposition to give up their unsettled habits, and devote themselves to the cultivation of the soil."

It has been the concern of Friends to advise and encourage the Indians to give up the chase, and to depend upon the cultivation of the soil for the supply of their wants, and in this respect, the policy of the Government is favorable to the views of Friends.

The address to the Indians prepared by the Committee and laid before the last Yearly Meeting, has been, in accordance with its direction, carefully revised, and the names of the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting and of the Committee affixed to it, and in this form it accompanies this report, - but way has not opened for its presentation to the Indians. The territory of Kansas, where many of the Indians reside, who were more particularly in the minds of the Committee in reference to the address, has been and remains in a very disturbed state, in consequence of the violent agitation there of another question of great moment - to the welfare and reputation of our common country: the question of the extension of the iniquitous system of slavery into new lands where hitherto it has not existed. Independently of the effect of such an extension upon the best interests of the Indian tribes, it is a cause of great anxiety and grief to us, and must be so to every rightly disposed mind, that a system fraught with so much of evil, should be suffered to be extended into that fair land.

We desire that Friends may be preserved from all undue excitement on these momentous questions; and that with a single eye to the only sure and safe Leader and Guide of his people, they may be found filling up fully their portion of Christian duty in all their movements in relation to them.

For the Committee -

Samuel Taylor, Jr.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1856"

The Committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy Tribes of Indians, presented the following report, which, with the verbal communications of the Committee, was very acceptable and

encouraging. The proposition contained in the report was approved, and our Committee is continued, and requested to exert any influence in their power, either with the Indians themselves, or with the State government, which may tend to benefit these objects of our concern, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:

The Committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting in reference to the Penobscot and Passamaquaddy Indians, Report, that the former tribe have latterly been visited by two of our number from whom we learn that they are still making gradual improvement in agriculture and civilization. Two schools have been in succesful operation amongst them, during a portion of the past year, supported by the Government of Maine. Several of their children have also attended the public schools of their white neighbors. About 100 of the children have thus been enabled to avail themselves of an elementary education, in which, it is said, they have made a more rapid progress than other scholars circumstanced similarly.

Way has not opened to do much in aid of the Passamaquaddies during the past year. But satisfactory information has been received from one of their number, relative to their improvement.

The contemplated school amongst them has not progressed so far as to require aid from the Committee, therefore we have not drawn on the Treasurer for the $50 appropriated for that purpose last year; we propose that it be however continued subject to their draft.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones,
John Meader,
Eli Jones,

Newport, R. I. 6th mo., 18th, 1856."

In the epistle from Indiana, received at this time, a proposition is made for the establishment of a Yearly Meeting within their limits, consisting of five of their Quarterly Meetings to be called the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, and to be held at or near Plainfield Hendricks County, Indiana - to be opened on Second Day after the third First Day in the 9th month, 1858. This meeting is fully united in encouraging our friends in Indiana, to proceed in this interesting matter as way opens in the Truth, and the Clerk is directed to append this information to the epistle addressed to that meeting the present year.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account make the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to settle the treasurer's account, &c. report, they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands of four hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents. They propose

the sum of twelve hundred dollars to be raised for the use of the meeting, and David Buffum for treasurer.

Thomas Harkness,
For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo. 18, 1856."

Which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum proposed (twelve hundred dollars), and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our treasurer.

The meeting for sufferings is requested to take into consideration the present accommodations afforded by the house in which our meeting is held, and to take such measures as it may deem proper in relation to it - and that meeting is also requested to take any necessary care in relation to the legal title to the land upon which the house is located, or any other land required for the accommodation of the Yearly Meeting.

A testimony of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, approved by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend Lydia R. Kelly, was read at this time, and the subject of it was thus brought sweetly to our remembrance. It is approved and directed that it be recorded - and the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause it to be printed, together with others that have been approved by this meeting now on file.

The Committee on Education made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report that from accounts received from all the Monthly Meetings, they have compiled the following summary:

Number of children within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1078
Do do do 16 and 21,	442
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2
do " Preparative do.,	1
do " Family do.,	7
do " Friends' children attending Friends' Schools exclusively as such,	206
do " Friends' children attending mixed schools	1172
do " First day schools kept the past year, under care of Friends,	22
Average continuance of these schools 4 1/2 months.	
Number of children attending same,	428
do. do. do. members of our society	264.

It will be borne in mind, that in addition to the number above reported as attending select schools, there is a considerable number of Friends' children who are in the attendance of schools wholly or in part under the care of Friends and who are thereby obtaining an education, under circumstances which are

in a good degree calculated to shield them from the contaminating influences of the world.

Though little has been effected during the year by the Committee in a collective capacity, yet several of our number have individually labored in their several neighborhoods in furtherance of this interesting concern, both by endeavoring to diffuse correct information upon the subject, and by personal exertions to promote the practical objects of their appointment. Some of our number have attended the semi-annual examinations of the pupils at the Boarding School, much to their satisfaction. Although the advantages may appear to be self-evident, which this Institution is now calculated to afford the youth of our Society, we wish again to impress upon parents the importance of endeavoring to secure for their beloved children the benefits which we believe would result from their more general attendance at this school.

By the statistics herewith presented, it appears that the number of children who are reported as attending Friends' schools, has a little increased since last year.

We would again earnestly recommend to Friends the importance of the establishment and proper maintenance of First Day schools under their care. A number of Monthly meetings still report no First Day school within their limits, and although many Friends are in the practice, on First Day, of collecting their children in their several families for the purpose of imparting Scriptural instruction, we believe that a wide field is still open for greater exertion in this important concern.

While it may be cause of discouragement to many Friends, to observe the little that has been accomplished since the Yearly Meeting was first concerned to set apart a Committee for the promotion of the guarded religious and literary education of our beloved youth, we would affectionately remind all such of the great importance of individual effort, and that if each whose mind have been awakened upon this subject, would endeavour in simplicity and in sincerity to do the little which may devolve upon them, their labors would be abundantly rewarded, not only by the consciousness of successful effort in the cause of education, but by the comforting persuasion that their humble endeavors had been indirectly instrumental in the promotion of the cause of truth itself.

Signed on behalf of the Committee —

James Dennis,
Clerk.

Newport, 6th Mo. 18. 1856."

Which is satisfactory and interesting to us, and our minds —

Peace Cook, James Dennis, Nathan Reed, Nicholas Ridgway, Wm. J. Moreland, Henry T. Wood, Abram Hinsdale, Caleb Jones, Richard Bailey, Samuel W. Collins, Joseph Tatum, Charles B. Coles, Isaiah Fry, Benajah Buffum, Charles M. Bailey and Reuben S. Jones, are appointed to propose to our next sitting the names of Friends (consisting of two from each Monthly Meeting,) to constitute a Committee on Education.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon, the 19th, at the appointed time the Meeting was resumed.

The Representatives present except three, for the absence of one of whom a sufficient reason was assigned.

We appoint Abram Winslow correspondent of Limmington Monthly Meeting, in place of Wingate Frost, deceased.

We are informed by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that our dear friend Susan Cleveland has been liberated to perform a religious visit within the limits of the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland, and if way should open for it in the truth, at some places on the Continent of Europe, whereupon we appoint our friends Stephen C. Chase, William C. Babb, Samuel Boyd Gray David Buffum and William Penn Cleveland, to render any necessary care and attention in the case, on the part of this Meeting.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been accomplished.

The Committee for that purpose propose the names of the following Friends to constitute a Committee on Education, who are satisfactory to us, and they are appointed accordingly, and encouraged to attend to the Service confided to them, in conjunction with a similar Committee of the women's meeting, and requested to report to this meeting next year, viz:

George Bowen, Joseph Macomber, Jonathan Freeborne, Chas. W. Earle, Thos. S. Gifford, Moses Isaac, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Cocking, Charles H. Coffin, Jr., Joseph Nichols, Josiah R. Chaffee, Thomas Wilson Thomas W. Hoxsie, Joseph Hoag, Stephen T. Dillingham, Hewett Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac K. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Lewis, John Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Wm R. Babb, Matthew Barney, Wm. R. Wing, Rufus Hoxie, Hannah Magoon, Stephen Sweet, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John C. Fry, Samuel M. Easton, Timothy R. Earle, Wm Cook, Wm H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thos. B. Chickes, Joseph W. Cole, Wm Babb, Joseph H. Platt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Miller, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm A. Samson, Levi Jones, Joseph Sayles, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow and Randall Hunt.

[Women's committee — Elizabeth F. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Lane, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Lipson, Electa Jane Collins, Lucas B. Babcock, Lucas B. Robinson, Susan Hoxie, Eunice B. Boyce, Anna A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia H. Huntington, Sabina A. Sage, Hannah Sage, Phebe Hoag, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Alice R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Isaac, Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborn, Abigail G. Hoages, Mary R. Hadway Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna

Mekeel, Lydia P. Hay, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah Jaba, Elizabeth S. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Griffin, Hannah Merrick, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia H. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Tagert, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Sarah Maria Stewart.

The committee on correspondence presented epays or epistles to our brethren of the Yearly meetings of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Jared Patterson, and similar ones for our friends David H. Bennett, Anna Adams, Rebecca T. Updegraff, Bersheba S. Saunders, Ann Kenworthy and Huldah H. Hoag, viz:

"Our beloved friend Jared Patterson, attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Ira Lapham, and similar minutes for our friends Henry Bull, William Kenworthy, William Hill, Ephraim B. Ratliff, David Updegraff, Ethan Feathaway and Lydia Esther Knight, viz:

"Our beloved friend Ira Lapham attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of extracts from the minutes of this meeting to be printed and distributed among our several subordinate meetings.

Having disposed of the various, important concerns of the church that have claimed our attention, in great harmony and christian unity; under a grateful sense of the mercy that has been extended to us from season to season, during all the different sessions of this meeting, with reverent thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, we now separate in love, proposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 15th to the 19th of sixth month, inclusive, 1856 - to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:-

To the Yearly Meeting of London —

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the year 1855, has been read in our meeting to our comfort, and, with epistles from our brethren of other Yearly

1856. Meetings, has given us fresh proof of the value and preciousness of that fellowship which is in the Truth.

We consider it not among the least of the blessings and favors of the great Head of the Church, that we are permitted to feel for and with one another, and to strengthen and encourage one another amid the trials and besetments of this probationary scene - to feel that when discouragements prevail with us there is strength to be derived from the sympathy and aid of our brethren - wherefore said the Apostle comfort one another with the comfort wherewith we are comforted of Christ.

We have to acknowledge that notwithstanding our low estate, and the many causes of discouragement which abound, the mercy and goodness of the Lord has been manifested toward us, enabling us to hold our Yearly Meeting, as we trust, in some good measure in His name, and to transact our business in harmony and brotherly love. It is all of His mercy, who, in ancient days, favored our fathers with the evidences of his love, and enabled them to hold up the standard of Truth in this part of our land, that we, of the present day are in any degree qualified to follow in their footsteps, and imitate their example; and we desire with thankful hearts to acknowledge that it is good to trust in the Lord - for it is written that he that trusteth in the Lord shall never be confounded.

We have been favored, at this time as in years gone by, with the company of some of the fathers whose whitened heads give proof of having long borne the burthen and long withstood the trials incident to their Christian course, and whose example of consistent walking has been animating and encouraging to their younger brethren - but the seats of others of this class, whom we have been accustomed to see on these occasions, are vacant. Some of these have departed with joy and peace to their everlasting reward. May our young friends, for their love of the Truth, and for the sake of the blessed cause, by a timely submission to the operations of the fire and the hammer of the great purifier of his people, become qualified to fill their places, having witnessed, through his mercy, the passing from death unto life, through Him who hath loved us and given himself for us, that a succession in the Church may be witnessed to His praise, and the maintenance of his blessed cause.

The love of Christ is precious, and hath been manifested abundantly to the children of men. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." And let us remember his impressive words: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

We have read in our meeting the statement which accompanied your epistle of your proceedings and conclusions respecting the lamented division in the Yearly Meeting of Ohio, and have been made thankful that you were enabled to come to results, as we apprehend, so in accordance

with the Truth, with the spirit of the gospel, and with that system of Gospel Order, which, under the pointings of the Head of the Church, has been established in our religious society.

We can, as we trust, with thankful hearts, rejoice that the desolating war, which has been waged between some of the principal nations of Europe, you are aware included, has come to an end, that the scourge has been staged, and that the sword is no longer permitted to devour. We trust that the concern and exercise of Friends in Europe, upon the subject of war have been blessed, and have tended to convince both rulers and people of the unchristian nature of war. We desire to ascribe the praise to Him who ruleth in the kingdoms of men, and who turneth the hearts of princes at his will. "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire." "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

We have been clothed with mourning that, in our own country, there are efforts so strong and so persevering being made to strengthen and extend the unrighteous system of slavery; and that in territory heretofore free from this scourge, it is now attempted by powerful efforts to establish it. We pray the Lord, in his mercy, to deliver our country of this great sin. May He, by his mighty power, so influence the hearts of our countrymen, and so direct the events connected with this subject, that the efforts to extend the system of slavery may be overruled, for we have been feeling sensibly, that without His aid, vain is the help of man. Let us therefore, beloved brethren increasing endeavour to trust in the Lord, remembering that in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting.

Thomas Boyd Foley Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

In coming together at this our annual assembly, we have been humbled and contrited under a renewed sense of the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father, in his condescending to be near, and overshadowing us with his love, affording a comfortable evidence, that, notwithstanding our short comings, he is yet disposed to do us good, and to bless us.

Your acceptable Epistle of the 5th mo. last, together with other Epistolary communications, has been received at this time, and our brethren of other Yearly Meetings have been brought to our remembrance, in, as we trust, the fresh flowings of gospel love.

In considering the state of our religious society, there is indeed much cause for mourning with those who desire the prosperity of Zion, and the

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enlargement of her bodders – but there is encouragement in the reflection that the work is the Lord's, that he can carry it on by many or by few; and that, as we are concerned to abide in Him, the true and living vine, and look unto him in prayerfulness of heart for direction and help, he will hear and answer our petitions, he will qualify us for his service, and enable us to bring forth fruit to his praise.

We can most fully unite with you in desiring that we may be animated and encouraged by the cheering promise made by our blessed Lord to his disciples: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." And although we know not what to pray for as we ought, yet, we have the promise that as we look unto Him who heareth prayer, the Spirit will help us; yea, the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, and he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. To those who have known something of the blessed work of regeneration, those who under a sense of their fallen and undone condition by nature, have been constrained to lay hold of the hope of the Gospel, and to witness repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, these blessed promises are exceedingly precious. We desire that all of us may know of thus abiding in Him, that we may witness renewed qualification to labour for the promotion of his blessed cause; and when for our advancement in the work of sanctification, we are brought low under a sense of our weakness, our nothingness and our shortcomings, when, for wise purposes, trials & deep-provings are permitted to await us, may we look unto Him, who is the helper of his dependent children, for strength to hold fast our profession, and come boldly to the throne of grace and obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

We can feelingly unite with you in giving thanks unto the Most High that the blessings of peace are again restored to some of the nations of Europe which have been recently engaged in a sanguinary warfare; and we desire that in true humility we may endeavour to do our part towards exalting the Standard of the Prince of Peace; and that walking in the fear of God and living under the Government of Him whose Kingdom is not of this world the pacific principles of the Gospel may be commended to others through us; and that we may be found doing faithfully what is required at our hands towards preventing a recurrence of those scenes of bloodshed, which have so recently visited some parts of your continent

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony and condescension. We have been made again to realise that there is strength in a unity of exercise and a joint engagement of spirit. To the Lord alone be all the praise.

Saluting you in love, we are your friends and

brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Thomas Boyd Abbey Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends,

On the present interesting occasion, our absent brethren have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, with earnest desires, that, wherever located, they, with us, may be renewedly concerned for our mutual establishment and growth in the ever-blessed Truth

Under a renewed sense of our weakness and inability, in and of ourselves, to do any good thing, and of our obligations to Him who hath created us for the purpose of his own glory, we have desired that our minds may be turned to the gracious source of all strength, to him who hath called us with a high and heavenly calling, even unto virtue and unto glory. And desires have been raised in our hearts that he would in mercy strengthen us to come effectually unto him, remembering his gracious words: "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." We must come in faith. Through Christ strengthening me, saith an apostle, I can do all things. He hath bought us with a price, even the price of his precious blood. He hath given himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

While it is the Lord alone that adadeth to his Church such as shall be saved, we have had, with you, to remember that he worketh by whom he will, he putteth forth, and goeth before, his dedicated ones, and graciously ordains that Paul is to plant, and Apollos water, but it is God who giveth the increase. Let him alone have the praise! Lively has been our concern for ourselves, and for our dear brethren, everywhere, that we, giving all diligence to make our calling and election sure, may be favored to know, with clearness, our own path of duty, and to walk therein in humility and faithfulness.

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto good works." Such is apostolic exhortation. We have believed that the correspondence between the different Yearly Meetings so early established and so long continued, had its origin in the Truth, and while maintained on its original ground, may be made a source of strength and encouragement to Friends, tend to unite them together in love, and make us feel that we are members one of another, however widely separated in our several allotments

We acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 5th month last, and can cordially unite with you in a desire to commemorate the Lord's goodness, and that we may evince our gratitude by renewed devotedness to his cause. We tender you our affectionate sympathy in the varied trials

which attend you, and desire that you with us may witness preservation amid the turnings and overturnings of the present day, wherein, not only within the borders of our own beloved Society, but among the inhabitants of our land, there is so much calculated to unsettle the mind, and lead away from the voice of the true Shepherd to follow the voice of the stranger. Let us seek, dear friends, to turn unto the Lord with full purpose of heart, putting our trust and confidence in him alone, that we may witness for ourselves the fulfilment of his gracious promise: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in princes".

In reviewing the state of the Society, we have still to acknowledge that deficiencies exist amongst us. The first and great commandment, thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy mind, and the second which is like unto it, namely, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, have been impressively brought to view in our meeting, and faithfully have we been exhorted to observe them.

We have been reminded of the duty, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for divine worship, as our reasonable service.

The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, and their frequent perusal individually, in retirement, have been again impressed upon us as a christian duty, as an acceptable engagement in the sight of God our Saviour, and a practice, which, we doubt not, as engaged in with singleness of heart, will be crowned with the divine blessing.

The guarded religious education of our youth continues to claim the attention and concern of this Meeting. Our Committees in charge of the Boarding School, and that on the subject of education generally, have presented interesting reports.

We desire your encouragement in efforts for promoting this important interest, as well as in every good word and work.

In conclusion, dear brethren, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

We have received your acceptable Epistle of the 10th month, which, together with similar testimonials of brotherly love and fellowship from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has been read at this time to our comfort and encouragement, and, in return, we feel bound to salute you as brethren beloved of the same

household of faith.

We feel that we can deeply sympathize with you, in your portion of the trials and bereavements that are meted out to the Church, no doubt, in infinite wisdom for its purification and refinement; and, while thus sorrowing with your sorrows, we are also led to feel that there is much cause for encouragement to the humble traveller Zion-ward, even in the afflictions into which they are at times plunged. The Lord alone knows what is best for us; and when the strong will of man has been brought into humble reliance on Him alone, how often has his almighty arm been made bare for the help of his people, when, to human apprehension, there seemed to be no way of deliverance, no comfort for the weary soul. We may also remember with feelings of fervency and love, the declaration of an apostle that "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Surely, then, it becomes to receive with thankfulness this blessed evidence of sonship. Dear friends, may we all be favored to bear with patience and resignation the turnings of the Lord's holy hand upon us, resigning ourselves entirely to his guidance and direction; and, whether it be little or much that may be required of us, whether by many or by few, let us do it in simplicity of heart as unto the Lord, leaving the result to Him who has called for the service at our hands, for, by this means, we shall deliver our own souls, and the blessed purposes of the Most High will be effected to his own honor and glory.

By the accounts received from our subordinate meetings, we are pained to find that deficiencies still exist among us. These were cause of much exercise to many concerned minds and urgent appeals were made for a more full dedication of heart to the service of our gracious Lord and Master, for the public acknowledgment of his providence, and our continued dependence upon him, by presenting ourselves before him for divine worship, declared by an Apostle to be but our reasonable service. The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, with our families around us, as well as individually, with the mind turned toward that Spirit which gave them forth for light to understand the blessed truths therein contained, and grace to apply those truths to our own edification and improvement, was impressively recommended as a means to keep us alive to our spiritual welfare, and to preserve us from falling into the snare of unbelief.

We have had, at this time, the acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been engaged in the work of the gospel, among us. Their labors of love have, we believe, been useful and edifying to the Church, and we trust have also inured to the peace of their own minds. This evidence that the regard of our holy Head is still toward us, notwithstanding our many short comings, is comforting and encouraging to us.

We can also with gratitude acknowledge that we have been favored

with a comfortable evidence of the extendings of divine regard toward us, at this time, under the uniting influence of which, we have been enabled to transact the business brought before us in condescension and love; and in a feeling of that love, which knows no bounds or limits, we subscribe ourselves your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To North Carolina:

Dear Friends,

Your epistle of 11th month last was duly received; the reading of which has brought you, our distant brethren, affectionately to our remembrance; and desires have been raised in our hearts that the God of all grace may abundantly bless his Church and people in every part of the habitable globe; that sons may be brought from afar, and daughters from the ends of the earth, and that prayer and praise may, everywhere, be offered as sweet incense unto the Lord.

We reverently acknowledge, that, through the unmerited mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have felt his owning presence to be near during the several sittings of this our annual assembly. The important affairs, which have come before us, have been disposed of in harmony and christian condescension.

A review of the State of Society, within our limits, as presented by the answers to the queries, called forth from concerned friends present, the expression of a lively interest in the welfare of our religious body. We were exhorted to live together in love as dear children. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him". We were also reminded that it is both our privilege and duty to be frequent in our approaches to Almighty God. A prophet has said: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

We were pleased to learn that your members feel an increased interest in your Boarding School, and that it is furnishing to the dear youth among you the means of a guarded, religious and literary education". "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". We would encourage parents and heads of families to be diligent in the discharge of this great duty toward those placed under their direction, seeking help of Him who hath said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

An interesting report has been read in this Meeting from the Committee having charge of our concern for the Indians located west of the Mississippi

River, time which it appears that way has not opened for much active service by the committee during the past year; still we have thought it right to continue them under appointment, and they are encouraged to avail themselves of every right opening to benefit this greatly injured race of our fellow men.

Deeply do we sympathise with you, dear friends, in the peculiar trials, which attend you, arising from your close proximity to the iniquitous system of slavery, with all its blighting influences. And, it would seem that fresh trials await you, owing to the unsettled state of the public mind. Ardent are our desires that all under our name, may be largely endued with that wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be intreated, while they are still bold and unflinching in the discharge of every duty on behalf of the oppressed so unjustly detained in servitude by our fellow citizens.

While we sympathise with the enslaved, and labor for their enlargement, remembering those who are in bonds, as bound with them, let us seek for the spirit of availing prayer, that he, who can turn the hearts of the children of men, as a man turneth the water courses in his field, may so change the hearts of the oppressors, that they may unite in hastening that day when every yoke shall be broken and the oppressed go free.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

You have been brought very near to us, at the present time, and your very acceptable Epistle, of the 9th month last, has been read in this Meeting to our comfort.

These salutations, in love, are intended to convey to one another, not only some knowledge of the prosperity of the Truth within our different borders, but to be mutually strengthening and encouraging; and in this view, an epistolary correspondence is very precious

We rejoice to receive the information from you, that, at your last annual meeting, you were given reverently to feel that the Lord's presence was with you - that you were closely united to each other as members of one body, and were enabled to dispose of the weighty concerns of the Church, that claimed your attention, in unity and love. We desire your encouragement, and rejoice in your enlargement. We crave, that both you and we may feel, in true humility, our dependence upon the Head of the Church - that we may, at all times, realize that the cause is His - that with Him is the power, and that, unto Him, we are to look for direction in all our engagements in his service.

We sympathise with you in the varied and peculiar trials to which you

are still exposed. We feel that you have need to be peppered o. longsuffering, gentleness, faith and goodness which are the fruit of the Spirit, and while you are rightly engaged to stand firm in vindication of the truth, and in the support of right order and our christian discipline, may that heavenly — "charity, which" hopeth all things, endureth all things, believeth all things," be abundantly your portion.

We have gratefully to acknowledge, at this season, that we have witnessed a good measure of that blessed covering, under which are peace and safety, to be spread over us. Great has been our unity — close our feeling of brotherly love: but while we are permitted, at this season, to rejoice together, we feel our great weakness and unworthiness, and can in humility adopt the language: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

With the salutation of Gospel love, we are your friends and brethren

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

Your interesting and acceptable Epistle of 10th mo. last, together with similar testimonials of brotherly love from other Yearly Meetings, has been received, and read, at this time, to our comfort and encouragement; and we have renewed cause for thankfulness in being thus permitted to hear from our distant brethren, and for ourselves we earnestly desire that whatever we do, may be done to the glory of God, and the promotion of his blessed cause on earth.

Our meeting has not been as large, as on some former occasions, but, through unmerited mercy, we have been enabled to transact the important concerns that have claimed our attention, in much harmony and we reverently believe, that our assembly has been crowned with His presence who, independent of numbers, is yet pleased to be with those who are gathered in his name.

Whilst engaged in considering the state of Society, as brought before us, by reading the answers to the Queries, we were sorrowfully reminded that deficiencies still exist in the faithful maintenance of some of our Christian testimonies; on which account, rightly exercised brethren were engaged to impart counsel, admonition and encouragement, which, under the divine blessing, we humbly hope may operate to strengthen the things that remain.

The information contained in your Epistle relative to the condition of your Boarding School, is interesting to us; and we can also inform you, that we have received a satisfactory report from the Committee having

charge of ours, which has animated us in the belief that the School presents to our young friends an opportunity of obtaining a guarded religious and literary education; and Friends were encouraged to avail themselves of its benefits for their beloved offspring.

Our Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the promotion of the best interests of the Indians, west of the Mississippi, made an interesting report; and although way has not opened for much active service on their behalf, we have believed it right to continue our Committee, now under appointment, to act herein in whatever they may find required at their hands.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 14th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 15th of 6th month, 1857.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting Viz:

From Rhode-Island —— John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Eli Gifford, Samuel Bird, John Thomas, Zachariah Perez Peck and Timothy C. Collins.

From Salem —— Samuel Boyce, Daniel Reede, Moses Huntington, Jr., Nathan Reed of Lynn, Josiah D. Charles, John Pope, Edward L. Dove and Solomon Nancy.

From Sandwich —— David K. Atkins, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, Edmund Gardner, John H. Gifford, Benjamin Potter and William C. Tower.

From Falmouth —— Thomas Jones, Henry M. Minott, Thomas Estes, Caleb Jones and Joshua Coe.

From Smithfield —— Thomas Tower, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Benjamin Chace, Charles Hadwen and Arnold Aldrich 2d.

From Nantucket —— Caleb Nichols, John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, Ebenezer Frye, Stephen Jones, Hartwell A. Jenkins and Aaron Buffum.

From Dover —— Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye, Oliver Meader and Amos D. Trimton.

From Fairfield ——. George Richardson, Reuben J. Jones, Joseph Taylor, Moses Bailey, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Jacob W. Vining, William Farr, Alden Sampson and David Douglas, -

whose names being called they were all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Priscilla Green, from Great Britain, satisfactory certificates from Thaxted Monthly Meeting, held at Dunmow, in the county of Essex, England, the 27th of 3d. month 1856 - the Quarterly Meeting of Essex, held 4th mo. 8th, 1856, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, the 19th, 20th and 31st of 5th month, 1856 - were read, respective of the unity of those meetings with her as a Gospel Minister, and in her present engagement in the service of Truth in our land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Alan Richardson who is engaged with our friend Priscilla Green in religious service among us, who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Pardshaw held the 17th of 6th month 1856; the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland

and Northumberland, held at Wigton the 26th of sixth month, 1856; and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London the 11th of eighth month, 1856; all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

Our beloved friends, Daniel Wood and Jonah Hole of Miami Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ellwood Ozburn, of Elk Creek Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; William H. Grace of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Deborah C. Kinsdale, of Westfield Monthly Meeting, being acceptably in attendance at this Meeting, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elizabeth Wood, accompanying her husband, Daniel Wood; Sarah Hole, who accompanies her husband, Jonah Hole; David Pegg, companion to our friend Ellwood Ozburn; Solomon Macy, accompanying our friend Anna Thornburgh; Maria Willetts, companion to our friend Deborah C. Kinsdale; and William Cromwell, accompanying our friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson; and satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were received.

The London General Epistle for 1856, was read, and we feel that its contents are adapted to our instruction and edification, and desiring to lay it before Friends generally, and commending it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and George Rowland, Jr., to cause a re-print of 3500 copies, to be apportioned to our several Quarterly Meetings, and forwarded by the representatives now attending this Meeting.

Acceptable and very interesting epistles addressed to this Meeting by our Brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, (both of the last and present year), Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were received, and our dear friends were brought very near to us in the feeling of brotherly love and unity, which is so precious to and so becomes brethren professing the same faith and the same hope in the Gospel — and we appoint the following friends to prepare drafts of communications to those several meetings, as way opens for it, and present them to a future sitting; viz: John Meader, John D. Lang, George Richardson, Daniel R. Bailey, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Hoag, Isaac Hoag, Samuel Boyce, Caleb Jones, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Hazard, Richard Bailey, William C. Taber, Charles Hoxie, Benjamin C. Jones, William P. Rowland, Moses Bundinot, Jr., Allen Sampson, Joseph Metcalf, William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, Henry M. Minott, John Osborne, Reuben Jones and Thomas Brooks.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the payment of the stock directed to be raised by this Meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Hoag, Alexander C. Hall, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Edward Lowe, Daniel Coles, Benajah Duffuss and Moses Bailey to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be

raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports now received, we are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting, * * * * in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Gilbert Congdon, and in the appointment of Sarah T. Tobey and Mary Ann Smith in the station of Elders — with Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Clarkens Barker, and with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford to the same station; and the same meeting reports the decease, on the 11th of 8th month, 1856, of Theophilus Shove, an Elder, aged 80 years, 5 months, and 7 days — on the 15th of 3d month, 1857, of Edward Wing, an Elder, aged 84 years, 9 months, and 12 days, and on the 8th of 4th month 1857, of Susanna Weatherway, an Elder aged 75 years and 11 months. Salem Quarterly Meeting informs us that it has united with Scituate Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Eunice Beede to the station of an Elder, and with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Olivia C. Oliver and Eliza B. Boyce, to the same station. From the same meeting we have the information of the decease, on the 28th of 2d month, 1857, of Estes Nawhall, an Elder, aged 86 years, 5 months and 19 days, and on the 31st of 8th month, 1856, of Cornelia Page, an Elder, aged 82 years, 6 months, and 13 days. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that it was united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lothrop Bowne to the station of an Elder, and also the decease on the 26th of 7th month, 1856, of Abraham Russell, an Elder, aged 83 years 4 mo., and 15 days, and on the 26th of 7th month 1856, of Esther Newell, an Elder, aged 92 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it was united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia Brice, and in the appointment of Delphina Chase and Thirsa Chadsey to the station of Elders, and with Darton Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of David Babcock, Gaeely Dow, and Elizabeth W. Babcock, to the same station. Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Nichols, and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Sarah N. Jenkins and Fanny Lowe to the station of Elders, and with Unity Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alvin Hinckley, Peace Hinckley, and Hannah R. Jones, to the same station, — and likewise of the decease, on the 2d of the 12th month 1856, of Comfort Jefferson, a Minister, aged 64 years, and on the 20th of 6th month, 1856, of Lisa Jones, a Minister aged 59 years, and 11 months. Dover Quarterly Meeting reports its unity with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth Brown, — with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lemira Meader and Jesse Roberts, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cynthia Burgin, to the station of Elders. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in appointing Alvin Coffin, Lydia T. Burbank, and

Sarah Purinton, to the station of Elder, and also the decease, on the 20th of 9th month, 1856, of Cyrus Dean, an Elder, aged 90 years, and 18 days.

Adjourned to 4 O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met according to adjournment.

The Reader on behalf of the Representatives informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tracy, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year, were now read. In reading them the attention of the Meeting was turned to a portion of the discipline added last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend together Minister or Elder, may then sit in our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meetings - and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, are continued for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, in conjunction with a Committee of the women's meeting, in the government and superintendence of the Institution, and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year. The Report is as follows:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendance of the Boarding School at Providence have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. For the Summer term forty-nine males and sixty-three females, and for the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the School, remain all of them for the full terms.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude H. Oakland as Principals, mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year, has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the School, and members appointed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the School was seen satisfactory to friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Rowell, William B. Macomber, Pamelia C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Mekeel, in the common English branches: Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon Teacher of -

Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut teacher of French and German; Mariann. Hanbar and Mary E. Potter, at different times, teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious Society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the School House as usual — the scholars at other times attending Friends meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the School Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined, and the result may be stated as follows:

Charitable Fund.

In Treasurer's hands last year — — — — —	$ 126 25
Receipts for the year, — — — — — — — —	448 75
	$ 575.
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each, — — —	$ 480
In hands of Treasurer at this time — — —	95
	$ 575

General Fund.

Receipts from income of School Fund,	6,636 06
" " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	66 74
	6,702 80
Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principal)	
Fire Insurance, — — —	165
Repairs of School premises, — —	1,084 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract, — —	3,000
	4,249 63
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of —	2,453 17

Of which excess $ 682 08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and principal of the debts of the Institution —

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the Treasurers hands, $3,817 92
This debt as reported last year was, $5,922 22

It will be seen therefore that the principal of the debt has been lessened the past year, $2,104 30.

This result encourages the expectation that the School may be maintained usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose that the Summer term should commence, as at present, on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month, and continue twenty-one weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence, as at present, on Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue twenty weeks; and that there should be no intermission of these terms by any recess during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition be the same as last year, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of some missionary society, the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing; books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and time for the admission of Scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the terms of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the terms of the School, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.

Providence, 6th month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk."

"Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty, it will be necessary that the Committee should be advised of the names of those in the Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their meeting to be held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the 3d and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meetings will have prefedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of Scholars will be considered in

the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the School punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in such cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address Joseph Eastland, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

Committee — Samuel Boyd Rowland, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Bacon, Isaac Rowland, Jr., William C. Rowland, Ann M. Minott, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Thomas W. Benajah Tallman, Doris Meader, Elden Jamison, Samuel Parker Rowland, Isaac David Tallman, Jesse Meader, William A. Robinson, Vincent Congdon, Gideon L. Smith, Nathan Bond 2d, Thomas Hawkins, James Dennis,

Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Bassett, Rhoda Rowland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Tallman, Elizabeth M. Osborne, Ann Eliza Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah G. Sawyer, Rose E. Meader, Lucy S. Hawkes, Lydia Parker, Eliza B. Joyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna D. Dennis, Rachel S. Rowland, Mary C. Bond, Susan Rowland, Mary A. Smith and Elizabeth Meader.

We appoint our friends Thomas Hawkins, Micajah C. Hall, David Perry, Edward Jones, Richard Tobey, Thomas B. Nichols, Jesse Rowland and Isaac Hall to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received at this time and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning, the 16th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except one.

The meeting mined upon the annual consideration of the state of Society, and was favoured with a precious covering of solemnity. As in former years, the answer to the 1st query from our subordinate meetings manifested a deficiency in the due attendance on the part of some of our members of the meetings established for the worship of our Heavenly Father, and we were introduced into deep exercise in consequence of it, and much pertinent counsel was offered, and pathetic appeals were made, calculated to incite to greater faithfulness in the discharge of this high duty. The time that we shall be permitted to continue in this state of being, is known only to Him who giveth us "life and breath and all things," and it becomes us very frequently too look forward to the termination of our sojourn on earth, and endeavour to realise what then will be the view that we shall be brought to take of the use of time. It is then we shall know that we have devoted it, in by far too great an extent, to the pursuit after those things which perish in the using, to the gratification of our fancied pleasures - to the attainment of the treasures of this present world, rather than to the service of Him, before whom we are then to stand - and to the laying up for ourselves treasure in heaven. If we duly regard the first and great commandment - if we really love God, as is therein enjoined, we shall rejoice to unite with our fellow believers in rendering to Him worship and praise - in manifesting before men our fidelity, our allegiance and our gratitude to Him - bowing humbly before him, under a sense of his Almightiness, and our own nothingness - of his riches and our poverty. Let us continually bear upon our hearts, the love and mercy of our God to us, blessing us every day of our lives, granting unto us what is required for our temporal necessities, but, above all, let us dwell on His matchless provision for our salvation through His own beloved Son, who for our sakes became poor, and in the form of a servant walked among men. If we realized our dependence upon this manifestation of love and mercy, if we felt the infinite importance of things pertaining to a future life in comparison with the present, we should not only be fearful of omitting to render unto Him all that he calls for at our hands, but should rejoice in being permitted to offer unto Him every sacrifice that He will condescend in his mercy to accept. All true disciples of Jesus are engaged to keep the eye fixed upon him for guidance, the ear opened to his gracious words, and loving Him, are prepared to testify that them have witnessed his gracious promises verified in their experience, that when they have met in His name, however few in number, he has been with them, and in great mercy has been pleased to break unto them the bread of life, that bread without which we must all utterly perish. Friends were earnestly exhorted to be faithful in encouraging one another in the discharge of this important duty. Taking each other by the hand, saying, come brother let us go together into the house of the Lord, the place for the offering of prayer. Parents were tenderly entreated to take with them to our meetings, their precious children looking

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humbly unto the source of all good for a stepping upon this engagement. Love to brethren is a necessary and invariable fruit of love to God, and deep has been our exercise that love and unity may more and more abound, and that tale-bearing and detraction, so degrading in their nature, should not be so much as named among us.

Believing as we religiously do, and as this Society has always believed, that the Holy Scriptures were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, that they are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; that they are they which testify of Him, our only hope of salvation, our earnest concern was manifested to encourage each individual and every family to a sacred regard for, and daily, inward perusal of them.

Having proceeded with the queries and answers to the 3d inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 O'clock.

In the afternoon Friends again assembled, and continued in the consideration of the State of Society by reading the remaining queries and answers.

By the reports received it appears that the testimonies of truth are pretty well maintained in our various meetings yet we desire the encouragement of Friends to unflinching diligence in their support before the world, that others seeing their good works may be brought to glorify our Father who is in heaven.

And while we have been thus exercised on account of the state of Society as now presented to us, our feelings, both of the present and of a previous sitting, have been enlarged and extended towards those who were formerly members of our religious Society, and this Yearly Meeting has been concerned to encourage Friends everywhere within our limits to continue to cultivate love and Christian charity towards those who have separated from us that if it be the will of the great Head of the Church that any of these should return to us, the door may be kept open in them to do so, in the good order of our religious Society. We are comforted in believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished among us, and we trust, that where any of the ways alluded to are drawing to return, its manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strengthening to them.

The following is a summary of the answers received, viz:

1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held, except 20 instances in several small meetings, mostly omitted in consequence of stormy weather, and the impassable state of the roads; and one account states a few instances in two very small meetings, and another account reports a few instances in one small meeting. Those held on First days have been attended by most of our members. Those held in the middle of the week and for discipline are more neglected. The have nearly observed. A few exceptions in regard to sleeping are noticed in all the accounts nearly clear of other unbecoming behaviour. All the accounts, except two, state that some care has been taken on account of the above deficiencies.

2. Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions, and detraction mostly guarded against. Where differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to

and them.

3. We believe there is a care with most of our members to bring up those under their direction in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading and carnal conversation, and to be good examples therein themselves - Yet there is a lacking found with some in these respects. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families.

4. Spirituous liquors confined to medicinal purposes, with 12 exceptions. The attendance of improper places of public resort, very generally guarded against. Moderation and temperance observed on the occasions referred to. Some care taken.

5. The circumstances of the poor are attended to - care is taken to provide for the due instruction of their children. No children placed out from among Friends.

6. Friends are generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Twelve cases of marrying contrary to discipline, and 5 of keeping company on that account, are reported, mostly under notice.

7. Our testimonies in these respects appear to be generally maintained.

8. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query.

9. Our records are attended to except in a few instances reported in one account. A few removals without certificate. Some care taken.

10. Friends are generally careful to deal with offenders as queried after, although not always as seasonably, as would be best; and to place judgment when it appeared necessary, according to discipline.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting at Worcester in the second month, be changed from two to three o'clock of the day on which it is now held, with which this meeting unites.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Selana Bond, companion of our friend Anna Thornburgh, a satisfactory testimonial on her behalf from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, was read

The committee on correspondence is requested to prepare and present to a future sitting suitable minutes for our friends with certificates now in attendance at this meeting from their Yearly Meetings on this continent.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our beloved ancient friend Estes Newhall, deceased, was received and read. We have felt our loss in the absence, at this time, of our dear friend from his accustomed seat in this meeting and desiring that his long and steady example of christian simplicity and faithfulness may be followed by us, and that we may inherit his end of peace, the testimony which is approved by this meeting, is directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth day, morning the 17th. Friends assembled according to adjournment The Representatives present met at one.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before

ers and read and the proceedings of last Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory to this Meeting; and we appoint our friends John Osborne, Moses Bartlett, Dr. Thomas Wells, Edmund Tarbox, Stephen M. Chase, John D. Lang, Thomas A. Tufts, Samuel Boyd Tracy, Samuel Taylor, David Kelley, Edward Earle, Stephen Jones, Daniel Shepherd, David Bispham, William C. Taber, Caleb Jones, Samuel Boyce and John Meader to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The Meeting for Sufferings having, in pursuance of the direction of this Meeting last year, raised a sum of money for the purpose of equalizing the travelling expenses of friends to this Yearly Meeting attending the same, and having appointed our friend Micajah C. Hall as Treasurer of this fund, and a committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting to attend to the collection and appropriation thereof, these proceedings and appointments are approved and confirmed by this Meeting.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed that Friends' Meeting House and lot on Milton Place, in Boston, should be sold and the proceeds thereof invested in a fund to be preserved for the purpose of providing a Meeting House for Friends in Boston, should this be deemed desirable at any future day, and the income in the meantime from year to year appropriated to such purposes as this Meeting may direct; the proposition is approved and sanctioned by us, and the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to attend to the subject and effect a sale of said property whenever in its judgment it may be advantageously done, and invest the amount received for such sale, as proposed; and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized when requested to do so by the Meeting for Sufferings, to execute, on our behalf, the necessary deeds of conveyance, attaching his seal thereto as the seal of this Yearly Meeting.

Testimonies of Berwick Monthly Meeting, received by Dover Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends Joseph Brackett and Salome C. Brackett, were received and read, and unite with these testimonies respecting our late dear friends was feelingly expressed, and it was directed that they be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and we desire to encourage the committee to continue to give their attention to the objects of their appointment, believing that advantage has resulted from their care and labors. The friends now under appointment are continued a committee on this interesting subject, and request to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education report:

Reports in former years, circulars have been addressed to correspondents in each Monthly Meeting, calling for statistical information, and from the answers received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 4 and 16 years,		1019
No. between	16 and 21 years,	450
" of Monthly Meetings Schools,		2
" of Preparative Meeting Schools		1
" of Family Schools,		11
" of Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such,		161 (estimated)
" of do. " mixed Schools,		1136
" of these Schools taught by Friends,		54
" of Children taught by Friends in mixed Schools reported as such,		165
" of Members of Society within our limits who have been engaged in teaching,		102
" of Children that have attended the Yearly Meeting Boarding School,		99
" of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends,		25
Average continuance of these Schools, about		6 months.
No. of Children attending the same,		579
" " " " " " who are members of our Religious Society,		422.

Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year which have afforded an opportunity for a full interchange of views upon the subject claiming us, and we believe that the interest felt by Friends in the cause in which we have been engaged continues unabated, and the Committee are encouraged in the persuasion from actual observation within our limits that the guarded education of our youth is an interesting object of concern to a large and we trust an increasing number of Friends.

Soon after the organization of the Committee, in view of the intimate connection which our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has with the important interest confided to us, and to insure the attendance of some of our number at the semi-annual examinations of that Institution, a few Friends were appointed to that service who have at this time made an interesting report.

We were particularly interested in learning from this report that there is an increase in the number of those who are desirous of extending their stay at the School, and of thus availing themselves of a more liberal course of study than is otherwise attainable; and we believe that the course adopted by the School Committee as sanctioned in the annual catalogue, and which has been entered by a number of pupils, will commend itself to general favor; while it may be fairly presumed that the standard required for obtaining the diploma

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of the Institution will be readily and perhaps considerably elevated

We regret to observe the considerable decrease in the number of children reported as attending Select Schools while we are at the same time gratified to learn that upwards of one hundred of our members have, during the past year been engaged in teaching within our limits.

Gladly would we be able to report an increased number of Select Schools not only on account of the undoubted need of all these auxiliaries, both at present and prospectively, as regards the preservation and prosperity of our Society, but especially as furnishing an evidence of that careful home culture which we trust a large number of concerned Friends continue to appreciate and maintain. For we believe it will generally be found that the more care is given to Scriptural and religious instruction at home, the more will Friends value both the Select and the First Day school. On the subject of family instruction, which has often claimed our consideration, we would remark that from an early day Friends have regarded it as an important part of that religious and moral education which they so carefully inculcated. The enlarged mind of George Fox was early engaged in the cause of education, and in the establishment of schools for instructing the young "in whatsoever things are civil and useful in the creation" thus embracing a wide range and showing that he held no narrow view of the benefits of that "good instruction", which, as William Penn observes, "is better than riches." He frequently visited these schools and appeared deeply interested in their progress, but on the subject of family training his advice often repeated may perhaps at this time be briefly revived. Very clear was his view of the Christian duty of family instruction and exhortation, an engagement we believe not only a part of our reasonable service as Christian parents, but one often greatly blessed to those who are exercised therein. He says, "All Friends train up your children in the fear of God". "Dear Friends exhort all your families at times and seasons that they may be informed in the Truth." "When you were professors only many of you did inform and instruct them in the form when you had not the power, and now being brought into the truth we should be more diligent to exhort and instruct them. Again, It is desired that all Friends who have children, families and servants, may train them up in the pure and unspotted religion, and in the nurture and fear of God, and that parents let them read the Holy Scriptures, which is much better than to be gadding abroad, and exhort and admonish them that every family apart may serve and worship the Lord as well as in public. Therefore consider, you that profess the new covenant of the Spirit, what care lies upon you in your families, of teaching and instructing your servants and children." Unfaithfulness herein has, we fear been prolific of sad evils within individual cases and in the experience of our society, where increased care and labor in this regard would, we believe, be attended with the Divine blessing.

For the Committee

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1857

Samuel Austin, Clerk.

[Committee.— George Dawes, Joseph Macomber, Jonathan Hussey, Charles H. Carr, Thos. S. Gifford, Grace Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Pine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel T. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., Joseph Nichols, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Dawes, Samuel R. Brownell, Joseph Young, Stephen T. Cunningham, Newell Coggeshall, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Lewis, John Macomber Jenny, T. Hoag, Wm. R. Dawes, Matthew Jenny, Wm. R. Mills, Rufus Easton, Harrison Macomber, Stephen Sweet, Joseph Collins, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cadwallader, Wickham Winslow, David Babcock, John C. Fry, Samuel R. Easton, Timothy R. Dawes, Wm. Cook, Wm. R. Mariott, Ai Jones, Alfred Evans, Thos. B. Nichols, Joseph R. Cole, Wm. Dawes, Joseph R. Hart, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Mather, Albert C. Dugdale, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm. A. Dawson, Levi Jones, Joseph Baker, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Randall Stewart, Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Redman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Dyer, Lucia Jane Collins, Lucas T. Dawes, Lucas B. Robinson, Susan Hoag, Eunice B. Dawes, Anne A. Chase, Mary T. Cox, Cynthia W. Hunnicutt, Lavina A. Cox, Hannah Sage, Phebe Ray, Elizabeth Cunningham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe T. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Chace, Phebe Slade, Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Redman, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Macomber, Mary Jane Eunice J. Cox, Esther Jones, Maria Jane Jones, Francis Frost, Anna Mariott, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary E. Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah Dawes, Elizabeth T. Cox, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Martha Sweet, Hannah Spencer, Sarah Read, Abigail C. Reed, Cynthia H. Jones, Elizabeth G. Dawson, Phebe Dyer, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Sarah Maria Stewart.]

The Committee on the concern of this meeting, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi make the following Report, which is satisfactory to us and the Committee is continued and encouraged to attend to the object of their appointment in any way that may be opened in the Truth, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee under appointment to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of the Indians residing west of the Mississippi River, report

That the subject has claimed their attention during the past year, and although they have not been engaged in any active service, they believe there may be something yet for Friends to do for these much injured people.

The subject has claimed the attention of our friends of New York, and at their late Yearly Meeting they appointed a committee to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in considering or acting as may seem best in the concern of Friends for the improvement of these people.

A portion of that Committee have attended with us at the meeting of our Committee at this time, as well as one member of the Committee of Indian affairs of Indiana Yearly Meeting. With these Friends we have had a pleasant conference

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on the subject of our appointment, and various matters of interest relating thereto have been considered.

We are not however prepared, at the present time, to recommend to the Yearly Meeting any definite action, but believe it may be best for the Yearly Meeting to continue their care upon the subject by a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

John D Lang,
Wm. C. Tabor.

Newport, 6th Mo. 16th. 1857."

[Committee. — Stephen W. Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Rowland, Jr. Eli Jones, William C. Tabor, David Buffum and Joseph Eastland.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the tribes of Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, made the following Report, which is acceptable, and together with the verbal communications of the Committee, has proved interesting to us — and our Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to attend as way may open for it, to the concern of this Meeting and report to us next year, Viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda tribes of Indians, report

That the subject has from time to time claimed our attention, but way has not opened for much active service the past year, yet we have the satisfaction of informing that they are gradually advancing in the comforts of civilized life, under the fostering care of the State government, which is now favorably and successfully extending to them the benefits of education in accordance with the wishes of the committee.

We would propose that the Meeting continue to extend its care to this hitherto neglected portion of the human family.

On behalf of the Committee,

Stephen Jones
John Meader.

Newport, 6th Mo. 16th, 1857."

[Committee. — John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tabor, Isaac Jones, Moses Tabor, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Hinds, Lewis Nichols, Daniel Tabor, Samuel Tagger and Eli Jones.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands of Ten hundred and

fifty-two and $\frac{35}{100}$ dollars – and propose that one thousand dollars be raised for the use of this Meeting – and David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee,
Thomas Hawkins.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1857."

Which is acceptable, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportion of $ 1000, the sum proposed to be raised, to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, which are approved, and they are appointed to act on our behalf, according to the original organization and purposes of that Meeting, during the ensuing year. viz: Rowland Greene, John Osborn, David Buffum, Perez Peck, William Reynolds Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Samuel Borden Dorr, John L. Lang, Samuel Jones, Edmund Chace, Allen Wing, Samuel Bowne Jessup Moon, Albion Tinsley, Caleb Collins, Thomas Hawkins Stephen Jones, David R. Wilcox Stephen A. Chase, David Douglas, William Farr, Wm. C. Dodge, Josiah Meader, Micajah C. Hall Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Elmer Jones, Reuben Sampson, Wm. H. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Bailey Ebenezer Dye, Henry H. Minott, Elisha Jones of Nineham, John Page, Charles K. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, Enoch Brown, Reuben Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day afternoon, the 18th, the Meeting again opened. The Representatives all present, except one.

Accompanying the Epistle from our friends of New York we have received the following information respecting correspondents, viz:

In Cowpasture Monthly Meeting: Jacob Braid is appointed in place of John Gilman, removed out of its limits. Address, Coxsackie, Greene Co., New York

In Farmington Monthly Meeting: Joseph Baker in place of Josiah Underwood, removed. Address, Macedon, Wayne Co., N.Y.

In Queensbury Monthly Meeting: George B. Eddy, in place of James Mott. Address, Glens Falls, Warren Co., N.Y.

In Hoosac Monthly Meeting: Abner De Voe. Address Sandwich, Saratoga Co., N. York.

In Raisin Monthly Meeting: Peggy C. Haviland, in place of Charles Haviland deceased. Address, Adrian, Lenawee Co. Michigan.

Our brethren of London Yearly Meeting in their epistle addressed to us at the present year, inform that they propose forwarding to this Meeting, a document issued by that Meeting, entitled "A Declaration in the Love of Christ to all who bear the name of Friend," and also "A Minute addressed to Parents on the impor-

tant and interesting subject of early religious training." These documents not having yet come to hand, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to receive and dispose of on behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee to attend to the apprehension of a reprint of 3500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that they have attended to the service, and the Representatives are requested to convey them to their respective Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Daniel Wood, and similar minutes for our friends Jonah Hole, Ellwood Ozburn, William H. Chase, Anna Shambaugh and Deborah C. Hinsdale, viz:

"Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Solomon Macy, and similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Wood, Sarah Hole, Davis Pegg, Maria Willis, William Cromwell and Deana Bond, viz:

"Our beloved friend Solomon Macy attended this Meeting. His company and aid department have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Epistles or Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New-York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on Correspondence, which were approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause to be printed 3000 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

Having been favored to attend to the various important concerns of the Church that have come before us, in harmony and love, and desiring, with humble thankfulness, to commemorate the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father in that he has been pleased, as we reverently trust, to own us from season to season, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again on this island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Epistles

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island from the 14th to the 18th inclusive of the 6th mo. 1857, to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:-

To the Yearly Meeting of London.

Dear Friends,

It has pleased the great Head of the Church, as we humbly

believe, to favor us at this time with some precious evidences of His continued regard, whereby, we trust that we have been a little quickened in his fear, and made partakers of his love. The love of God constitutes the great and over motive, which should prompt us, or can qualify any of us, to labor successfully in his cause. If we love Him with all our hearts, we shall be engaged to do his will, and this is his will that we believe on Him whom He hath sent - and if we believe on the Son of God it is his unfailing promise that we shall live. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". We trust that in the hearts of many among us, fervent desires have been raised to be made partakers of the life thus promised. May such as these shrink not from the cross. "If ye love keep my commandments". This is the test of our allegiance to him - "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you"

We are comforted in believing that among our younger friends, many of whom are in attendance at this meeting, there are those with whom religious considerations are having increasing influence, whose hearts, by the secret touches of his love, are being drawn unto Christ, and led to desire to witness it is truly to believe on him, to experience the salvation that is in and by him, to know their sins blotted out for his name's sake, to feel that their fallen and corrupt nature is changed, and a new birth unto righteousness witnessed.

We sincerely desire that all, thus awakened, may grow on to know the Lord, may abide the turnings of his hand upon them, sitting, as he declares he doth, as a refiner with fire, and as a fuller with soap, fully yielding themselves to his power, and shrinking not from the baptisms which he sees meet and necessary to administer, that they may be qualified to be his disciples.

Your acceptable epistles addressed to us of the last, and also of the present year, have been received and read in our Meeting. The evidence thus afforded of our Christian sympathy is comforting and encouraging. We have been renewedly made sensible that Christianity is a dispensation of love. The Scriptures declare that "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have everlasting life", and our adorable Saviour declared "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." If God hath so loved us, if the blessed Saviour, in the same love, laid down his life for us, how ought we to love Him, and to love one another. He declared this love to be the test of discipleship: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another". And clearly is the doctrine taught in the inspired volume that this love is universal.

We do not forget that there are those, who, formerly in membership with us, now stand in a different relation; yet claiming, as heretofore, our kind sympathy, and all those evidences of interest and offices of love, which the religion of Jesus enjoins

Among the subjects which have claimed our attention, at our present meeting, is the condition of the remnants of the Indian tribes, in the far

western parts of our County. This wronged and injured people. Some of them once large inheritance, are becoming more and more the objects of sympathy and commiseration; some of them are poor, and most of them destitute of the advantages of civilisation, and with very little education of any kind. Their condition is such as to enlist the feelings of the Christian community, and lead them to enquire what duty they owe to them.

The slavery of the African race we feel to be a sad blot upon the name and character of our beloved county, and we would earnestly crave, that on our part, we should be wanting in no efforts which the truth will sanction, to further its abolition - and fervently do we crave, that it may never be permitted to be extended into any part of our land, now free from its blighting influence.

Awakened feelings of Christian interest and sympathy have been felt among us, for the little companies of those professing with Friends on the continent of Europe - especially those located in Norway, who are concerned to hold meetings in the order of religious Society. We earnestly desire that the day may not be far distant, when these may be more closely united to the Society, in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

We notice the information accompanying your epistle of your having issued a document entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ to all who bear the name of Friend". The document has not yet reached us, but we have authorised our Meeting for Sufferings to receive and dispose of it on our behalf on its arrival. The same action has been taken by us in relation to the minute addressed to Parents which you propose to send.

Our beloved friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson, from your Yearly Meeting, are in attendance with us at this time. Their company and labors of love in the Gospel are truly acceptable to us.

In conclusion we may inform you that through the extendings of heavenly regard, we have been enabled to transact the various concerns of the Yearly Meeting at this time in harmony and brotherly love; and desiring to commend the guards of the Great Head of the Church herein, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable Epistle of 4th mo. last, together with epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, has been received and read at this time to our satisfaction and comfort; and, we trust, it is in some renewed sense of the fellowship that is in Christ, that we desire to offer to you the fresh salutations of our love, for God is faithful who hath called us unto

the fellowship of his Son, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

"How lovely & blessed is the fruitedge of that Gospel which conveys to us the preciousness of the sufferings and death of Christ, which brings us really to feel that he died on the cross for us, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us into God: that he rose again for our justification, and that he ever liveth to make intercession for us. If we are duly impressed with a sense thereof, we cannot but feel the obligation that rests upon us to deny ourselves, take up our daily cross and follow him.

Oh! we come to be made acquainted with the love of Christ, with the softening and contriting influence of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts, giving us to see that in our sins, we cannot be accepted, and that it is through repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we can availingly hope for the joys of his salvation, we shall then delight to dwell upon his love and mercy, and we shall thankfully acknowledge it to be our greatest privilege to believe on his name. We desire that all, both with you and with us, may with grateful hearts receive the truth in its simplicity, and be favored to live and abide in him who remaineth to be the way, the truth and the life; that we may acknowledge him in all his blessed and holy offices, and witness that fellowship spoken of by an Apostle, when he said: "Truly our fellowship is with the father, and with his Son Jesus Christ". And beloved friends, as we come to this blessed fountain set open for sin and uncleanness, the promise is that we shall be made clean - old things will be done away, and all things will become new, and all things of God, and we shall realise our blessed Lord and Saviour to be "made unto us, wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption".

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have cause for thankfulness, in that, unworthy as we are, our heavenly Father has given us from season to season, an evidence that he is near, and that he deigns to bless us.

Our minds have been at this time introduced into sympathy with those who may attend their meetings under much discouragement, their numbers being small, and their faith sometimes deeply tried. We would encourage these to hold on their way, and not forsake the assembling of themselves together at the time appointed for religious worship. We believe that as these continue reverently to wait upon the Lord, as they look unto him for ability to worship him in spirit and in truth, they will witness, in seasons, the canopy of his love to be spread over them whereby their hearts will be contrited together; and although no outward voice may be heard in their midst, they will realise the great Minister of ministers to be present, who will speak comfort to them, and they will know of being fed with heavenly bread, which will nourish their souls up into everlasting life. They will be favored to put on strength in the name of the Lord, and to say by their lives and conversation to the lukewarm and indifferent, "Come ye and let us go up to the mountains of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."

Notwithstanding, in reviewing the state of Society, we may be led to mourn

on account of the weaknesses which abound, yet there is cause for encouragement to the disciples of Christ, in the belief, that the precepts of the Gospel are spreading in the earth, and that the day is approaching when Ethiopia shall effectually stretch forth her hands unto God, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the seas. The blessed Head of the Church can carry on his work by many or by few, and it is declared in Holy Writ that a seed shall serve the Lord, and it shall be accounted unto him for a generation.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey . Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the present year, and similar testimonials of unity and fellowship from other Yearly Meetings, were received, and read to our comfort and edification, bringing as they do to our minds, a fresh feeling and a fuller appreciation of the common bond that unites all as brethren.

In reviewing the state of Society, the deficiencies existing among us, particularly in the due attendance of our religious meetings, were cause of deep exercise, and Friends were feelingly encouraged to greater attention to this important and very reasonable service. The attention of parents was also directed to the importance of taking their children with them, that their minds might be early impressed with a sense of their accountability to God, and of the duty of thus presenting themselves before Him, seeing He is pleased often, even in early life to visit them with the gentle touches of his love.

Dear friends, may we be encouraged to more diligence, and to a renewed dedication of all the gifts and talents bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal, to the service of our blessed Lord and Master; that while not slothful in business, we may be found fervent in spirit keeping the eye of the mind so turned toward Him that we may receive whatever impression or duty He may be pleased to favour us with, remembering the exhortation of the prophet made to Israel anciently: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." For we may indeed trust that the blessing of the bountiful Giver of every good and perfect gift, will accompany each act of submission to his divine will, and that however great the trial, or the sacrifice may be, yet sufficient help is promised to the humble relying soul and the reward given abundantly, the "peace which passeth understanding, which the world can neither give, nor take away."

The report from the Committee having charge of our Boarding School, represents it to be in a very satisfactory condition; and it appears that in respect to the parental care exercised over the pupils with regard to their conduct, as well as their commendable progress in their studies, Friends have reason to feel that their labor and concern for the welfare of the Institution have not been in vain.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear Friends,

Through the goodness and mercy of the Lord we have been permitted to meet again in this our Annual Assembly, and have been enabled to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and brotherly love. To Him be the praise.

Many of our dear brethren who have long been accustomed to meet with us, have, within the past few years, been removed from works to rewards; and, we trust, to a blessed inheritance with the saints in light. In beholding the vacant seats of these, who long bore the burden and heat of the day in the foremost ranks, our minds are excited with solemnity, and solemn is the thought that after a few more years, we too must be numbered with the dead. How important it is, then, for us all to be engaged to do our days work in the daytime, and to devote our diligence in order to make our calling and election sure. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." "He sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved"; - and the pressing invitation is "Come my people enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." The language of Love will prosper home upon our spirits: Now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of Salvation"; "Today, if ye will hear his voice." May we not keep out Him who stands at the door knocking for an entrance. "And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Our acceptable epistle of 10th month last, and like testimonials of kind and brotherly regard from other Yearly Meetings, have been received and read at this time to our comfort and edification. How precious is this intercourse when conducted under the influence of that Spirit which unites us, however widely separated, as one people in the fellowship of the Gospel and in the fear of the Lord. It is written: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it: and a

book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

We have been afresh introduced into tender sympathy for our beloved friends on account of your slippery and peculiar condition, and the afflictive dispensations that our adorable Providence has permitted unto you as well as unto us. In the removal of fathers and mothers from the Church, as well as those in the younger walks of life, whose minds having been enlightened by the Sun of Righteousness increased in brightness and dedication with the day. May you not be discouraged because of your varied trials and of the smallness of your number - for the Lord can work by many or by few. "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much; and we believe that there are many among you, as well as among us, as in former days, who often weep between the porch and the altar, saying, "Spare thy people O Lord and give not thine heritage to reproach" - and we trust that the Lord will preserve a people to the praise of his great and holy name.

Our meeting has been attended by the usual number of our own members and several beloved Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose labours of love in the gospel have been comforting.

We are interested to learn by your Epistle, that you still manifest a lively interest for the Aborigines of our land and for the descendants of Africa and are desirous of availing yourselves of every right opening for improving their condition. A similar concern rests with us; and while there may not be an opening at present to do much in a Society capacity, may we be encouraged to individual faithfulness in these, and in all our various duties as Professing Christians, in meekness and godly fear.

We have to lament that deficiencies do exist among us, as always by the unwary to the species. Yet we are encouraged to believe that there is an increase of dedication to the cause of Truth within our borders, especially among our young people, which is cause of encouragement and humble thankfulness.

Finally, brethren, farewell. "Now the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Foley Clerk

To South-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

Under a feeling sense of the importance of our Epistolary -

intercourse, we salute you as brethren beloved and respond to your acceptable epistle of last year, which, with similar testimonials from other Yearly Meetings, has been read to our comfort in this our annual meeting, the several sittings of which have been crowned, as we reverently believe, by the Great Head of the Church. How consoling to the mourners in Zion, how strengthening to the Christian traveller to know that He, who was with his chosen people anciently to support and deliver them, is with us, to bless and preserve all who put their trust in Him.

Dearly beloved friends, as by favor that God hath called us to holiness and virtue, with a high and holy calling, let us gird up the loins of our minds, watch and be sober; and as we cannot keep ourselves, may we be found in a state of constant and entire dependance upon the Lord for guidance and wisdom, that we may be thoroughly prepared for the work assigned us, and, as faithful servants, uphold the precious testimonies of Truth in their primitive purity and simplicity; and, trusting in the Lord with all our heart, strive so to walk in the path of self-denial and the daily cross, that we may be the disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - obeying his injunction to "watch and pray" lest we enter into temptation.

The commandment given by our Lord to his disciples: "That ye love one another as I have loved you" has lost none of its force. May we therefore live under the benign and holy influence of Christ's Spirit, that we may not only love those who love us, but our enemies also; and, as God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth", may we ever be found cherishing towards them without distinction as to color, or condition in life, that Christian benevolence and love which characterised our exalted Pattern, the Great High Priest of our profession.

We have sympathised with you in view of the scattered situation of many of your members, with desires that those among you, who stand as overseers and ensamples to the flock, may be strengthened faithfully to fulfil the duties of your appointments strengthening and encouraging the flock, and speaking a word in season to them that are weary - and thus minister strength and encouragement to the body.

We have been favoured, at this time, with the company of our beloved friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson of London Yearly Meeting, who are engaged in gospel labor on this Continent, and, also, with the company of many dear friends from different Yearly Meetings of this country, affording an encouraging evidence that the Lord is mindful of us, and disposed to do his people good.

We have, also, been favored throughout the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting to conduct the important concerns of Society with entire harmony and brotherly love, whilst the interest manifested by many of our dear young friends, together with their orderly deportment, has been encouraging to us.

Our Boarding School is also reported to be in a prosperous condition,

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giving evidence of the christian care, and a lively interest for the welfare of our children.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Assist. Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear Friends,

We are again convened and engaged in the discharge of those duties which devolve upon us in the right disposal of the various concerns appertaining to the welfare of our religious Society that have been brought before us and it becomes us humbly to acknowledge that we have, as we trust, been favored to witness in measure the presence of the Head of the Church in the fear and love of whom we have been preserved in close unity and harmony.

It is surely cause for humble thankfulness that we are, from time to time, still given as in ancient days, to feel that the adorable Head of the Church does still acknowledge us as a branch of it - that we are confirmed from season to season in what we have always as a people professed, and do most assuredly believe, that, under the Gospel dispensation the Holy Master Christ Jesus is pleased through his Spirit, to be with his dependent servants to teach them himself - that he continues not only to be a Spirit of judgment to them that sit in judgment, and of strength to him that turns the battle to the gate, but that He is the ever present helper and comforter of those that put their trust in Him. "For that trust in the Lord shall never be confounded." "Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." "I am with you always even unto the end of the world." We have been comforted at this time in the remembrance of these things - and we desire if it may be so, a little to hold up your hands and to be instrumental in encouraging and strengthening you. We feel warm love and near to us. You have had sore trials - so have we, and we can and do deeply sympathize with you. You have witnessed to some extent, deliverance from a portion of these trials, and yet you may feel that you have, still many difficulties to encounter incident to the situation in which you are placed by the secession that has taken place within your borders. Be not dismayed, we beseech you - Continue to look with singleness unto the ever watchful Shepherd of the Sheep - listen to his voice and you will be led in a plain way and fed from his bounteous hand.

Permit us to encourage you still to abide in patience, while firmly maintaining the good order instituted for the government of the Church.

We notice the statement contained in your very acceptable Epistle received by us at this time that you are deprived of the use of your Boarding School. We sympathize with you on this account, but earnestly desire that you may thus be preserved in the meekness of wisdom, which may reach and tend

to soften those who are withholding from you its benefits.

We commend you, beloved brethren, with ourselves, to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, earnestly craving that we may know, as branches, an abiding in Him the Vine.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf, of this Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear Friends,

In again assembling in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting for the interesting and important duty of worshiping our Father in heaven, and of transacting the concerns of the Church, we have been encouraged and cheered by the reception of our epistles from your Yearly Meeting, one from London and Dublin, and one from each of the Yearly Meetings on this Continent with which we hold correspondence. The redeeming tokens of love and fraternal regard which their annual salutations contain, have been truly comforting and edifying to us. To feel that we are held in remembrance by our dear, distant friends, has warmed and animated our hearts and caused them to overflow with feelings of gratitude for this, among the many favours of which we are partakers, offering a new and convincing proof of the excellency of the Gospel, and of its powerful influence in its efforts in inspiring that love which wisheth no ill to its neighbor, but ardently desires the establishment of all in the truth, the upbuilding and preservation of the Church in its primitive purity and excellence. Love is the true badge of discipleship, the precious patent which distinguishes christianity. It is the independent and true unites individuals and Society, the witnessing of the ministry of Him whose advent was ushered in with songs of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, and good will to men."

While the sad effects which result from a deficiency of the practical operation of this principle are painfully perceptible, producing individual poverty, and discord in the Church, we most fervently desire for ourselves, and dear friends everywhere, that brotherly love may continue; and that while we endeavour with zeal to maintain our testimonies, that love and fervent charity may be the exciting cause of our spirits. We believe, if the prevalence of this principle was coextensive with its importance, and with our obligations to exercise it, the Church would once more appear in its primitive beauty and excellence.

About the usual number of our own members are in attendance at this Meeting, and we are also favored with the very acceptable company of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been led to speak in words of warning, of comfort, and we trust to our

edification.

The committee having the superintendence of our Boarding School, by their report, represent this Institution in a favourable condition – that its caretakers are not only alive to the intellectual wants of the pupils, but that their moral and religious training constitutes an important feature in their system of instruction. From a report received from the Committee on education, we are encouraged to believe that the religious guarded education of our beloved youth is increasingly dear to our members, and that greater exertions than formerly, are made to secure its accomplishment. The number of First Day schools is increasing, and the minds of our members generally are more aroused to a sense of their importance.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd & Tobey Clerk –

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, commencing with public meetings in Newport and Portsmouth, on First day, the 13th, and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 14th of Sixth month, 1858: -

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island — David Buffum, John Meader, Edmund Chace, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, William A. Robinson, Moses H. Beede and Abner Slade.

From Salem — Thomas Tolson, Moses Huntington, Jr., John Huntington, Nathan Breed, Solomon Varney, Moses H. Rogers, Micajah C. Peirce, John Pugs and Stephen M. Chase.

From Sandwich — David Kelley, Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Irving, William C. Taber, Christopher C. Hussey, Nathan T. Shepherd, William Tucker, Jesse Newland, Jr., Stephen Dillingham and John W. Gifford.

From Falmouth — Caleb Jones, Henry H. Minett, David Winsor, Joseph Hawkes, Benge B. Day and Josiah Winslow.

From Smithfield — Richard Battey, Charles Hadwen, John Minton Earle, James Comstock, Edward Earle and Reuben A. Wheeler.

From Portsmouth — Stephen Jones, Jacob H. Vining, Jesse D. Lang, Joseph H. Pratt, James Van Blarcom, Eli Jones, David Robinson and Thomas Hyde.

From Dover — Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Jacob K. Purinton and Oliver Meader.

From Fairfield — Allen Wing, Alden Sampson, Charles F. Coffin, Charles M. Bailey, David Douglas, Joseph Taylor, Levi Jones and Moses Bailey. -

These names being called, they were all present except three, for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friends, Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson, from Great Britain, who attended this meeting last year, and whose certificates were then read and duly recognized on our records, are now again acceptably with us, and the testimonials of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagement from their respective meetings, have been again read to our comfort, giving renewed evidence of the good order of the Church in relation to concerns of this important and solemn nature.

We have at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved

friends Olney Thompson, of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, State Iowa; Thomas Jay, of Back Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana; James Mott, of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, New York; and Phebe Ann Sands, of Purchase Monthly Meeting; and satisfactory certificates of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements from their respective meetings were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Jesse Emlen, companion to our friend Thomas Jay; Lydia Thompson, who accompanies her husband, Olney Thompson; Mary Lane, companion to our friend Phebe Ann Sands, and of our friends William Beard and his wife Matilda Beard; and satisfactory testimonies concerning them, and of unity with them in their present engagements, have been presented and read

The London General Epistle for 1857, has been received, and read; and deeming the important, practical, christian truths therein referred to, deserving of our close and abiding attention, we appoint our friends George Vaux, Jr. and Samuel Boyce, to cause a reprint of 3500 copies to be distributed among our subordinate meetings through the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

We have received, at this time, affectionate and very acceptable salutations of love from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana, - bringing them near to us in Christian fellowship; and we appoint the following Friends to prepare and present to a future sitting, as way opens for it, essays of epistles to these several meetings; and also to Western Yearly Meeting, to be opened the present year, viz: William C. Taber, Charles F. Coffin, John D. Lang, Samuel Sigourd, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Stephen M. Chase, Oswell Moore, Jesse Reader, Joseph Metcalf, Daniel Bean, George Vaux, Jr., John Minton Earle, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Cartland, Daniel K. Bailey, Thomas S. Sigourd, Joseph Sager, James Van Pelt, Joseph Hall, Joseph Battie, David Bispham, Moses C. Bean, Daniel Swain 1st, Lewis Jones, David K. Akin, Henry T. Wood, John Page, Silvanus Cadwallader, Thomas Moore and William A. Robinson.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Markness, Micajah C. Pratt, Abraham Barker, Henry M. Minott, Stephen Jones, Samuel M. Collins, Jacob K. Dunton and Alden Sampson, to examine and settle the treasurer's account; to propose a suitable sum to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports received at this time, it appears that Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Rhode-Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Dame, wife of Jonathan Dame, to the station of an Elder and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting in appointing Abner Slade to the same

Station; and that Mary C. Collins, (widow of Elias Collins of the Nantucket Connecticut) an Elder of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, died the 20th of 2d month, 1858, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 11 days; that Sandwich has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah D. Tabor; that Smithfield has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ann Briana Crowley and Roanna H. Green, to the station of Elders; and that Smith Battey, a minister of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, died 11th month, 16th, 1857, aged 50 years, 7 months and 12 days; and that Hannah Haskell, an Elder of Westbury Monthly Meeting, deceased 10th month, 8th, 1857, aged 57 years, 2 months, and 9 days. Westbury Quarterly Meeting informs of the decease of Rachel W. Jones, a minister, on the 19th of 10th month, 1857, aged 65 years; and of Clement Hackett, an Elder, the 16th of 3d month, 1858, aged 82 years, 11 months, and 8 days; and Hopkinton Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Hopkinton Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances in the ministry, of Nicholas Sanford.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon — met by adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the representatives, informed that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for last year were presented and read.

The Committee of this Meeting for the superintendence of our Boarding School, presented their annual Report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this meeting, and our friends William A. Robinson, Moses H. Beede, Nathan Read, Thomas Dobson, Charles R. Tucker, Benjamin F. Townsend, Eliza Thorton, George F. Day, John Osborne, Richard Battey, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tabor, Joseph Tuttle, John Estes, Allen Wing and Joseph Tapley, are appointed to propose at a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee for the ensuing year.

"To the Yearly Meeting,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence, report —

That they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The two terms of the School have been held, under the superintendence of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, as Principals, — assisted during the Summer term by John F. Rowell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Page, in mathematics; Daniel D. Sutton and Albert Palmer, each a part of the term, in classical studies; by Caroline W. Pinkham, in needlework, Mary A. Potter, in drawing and by Alphonse Renaud, in French. In the winter term, Daniel D. Sutton

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was the Classical teacher for the term - the other teachers remaining as in the summer term, except that Rebecca R. Wing and Mary S. Wanis, took the places of Caroline W. Pinkham and Elizabeth Arnold. Lectures on some branches of Natural Science were delivered in the winter term, by Samuel Austin.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. The department of the school has been generally satisfactory - as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of the School. The methods of teaching have kept pace with the improvements which experience has suggested, and a general disposition among the scholars has been apparent to avail themselves of the advantages thus afforded.

Harmony has prevailed in the family, and a disposition to labor unitedly for the good of the institution.

The meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been regularly held in the School house. They have been generally attended by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and have proved interesting seasons. At other times, the family attend meetings in Providence.

It has been the concern of the Committee, that the minds of the children might be impressed with a sense of the vital importance of religion, of the necessity of an acquaintance with the truths recorded in Holy Scripture, and of a careful attention to the monitions of Truth in their own minds.

During the winter term, there were fifty-two cases of measles in the School. The disease was exhibited in a mild form, and all who were attacked, recovered. The circumstance of this sickness occasioned much additional care and responsibility to the Principals, and we think it due to them to say, that the duties thus devolving upon them, were cheerfully and faithfully performed, - and it is cause of thankfulness, that among so many cases of disease, the lives of all were preserved.

There were admitted and came to the School as scholars for the summer term, seventy-three males and sixty-six females; and for the winter term, ninety-one males, and seventy females, and nearly all of them attended through these terms respectively.

The arrangement with the Principals for the management of the affairs of the school, has been continued upon the same terms as last year. Some expense has been incurred in repairs and alterations necessarily made upon the school premises, during the year, the amount of which appears in the statement of expenditures.

The result of the annual examination of the accounts of the Institution, may be stated as follows, viz: Charitable Fund,

In Treasurer's hands last year	$ 95
Receipts	310
Due the Treasurer from this fund, at this time	75
	$ 480.
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars one term each,	480.

General Fund.

Receipts from the income of the School Fund	$6,122,14
Payments (exclusive of those to be made by the Principal.)	
Fire insurance	$ 165.
Repairs on the school premises	1,125,48
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000.
	$ 4,290,48
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	$ 1,831,66

Of which excess, $214,31 is in the hands of the Treasurer, and the balance has been applied to payments on account of the interest and principal of the debt of the Institution; - leaving the present amount of indebtedness, (less the amount in Treasurer's hands, and exclusive of accrued interest $2,285,69

We propose that the summer and winter terms of the school commence and continue as last year - and that the charge for board and tuition remain without change, viz: $40 per term for members of one Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and wine in case both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., we append to this report, with the view of their being again sent to the subordinate meetings, for the information of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

Stephen A. Chase, Clerk."

Providence, fifth month, 7th, 1858.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of one Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the

meeting of the committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations annexed to the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if, in any case, this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school, punctually, at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution

Application for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address,

Joseph Cartland, Principal Friends

Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

We appoint our friends Gideon E. Smith, Jesse Kendrick, William C. Taber, Augustus Hedden, John Elliston Lane, Josiah Pollock, Jacob H. Plumton and Levi Jones, to prepare a Summary of the Answers received, and present it at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning, the 15th, the Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment – representatives all present but two.

Our beloved friend, Priscilla Green, informed this meeting that she apprehended that with her beloved companion, Mary Nicholson, she might find it required of her, being returning to her native land, at once to attend a Yearly Meeting here; whereupon, we appoint Samuel Boyd Doby, William C. Taber, Stephen A. Chase, John D. Lang and John Meader to unite with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, in preparing suitable returning minutes for our dear sisters and present them at a future sitting.

The Meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and the answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings. A precious covering of love was felt to be spread over us, and a lively engagement evidenced for the prosperity of our religious society, as a

branch of the one Christian Church. The answers reveal, as in former years, many individual deficiencies, which are cause of mourning; and earnest have been the admonitions to faithful labor and fervent prayer for their removal. We were tenderly entreated to arise and shake ourselves as from the dust of the earth; to turn with full purpose of heart unto the Lord, the source of all good, the fountain of every mercy. We were reminded of the solemn truth that He speaketh upon the waters; that the God of glory thundereth; and entreated to hearken unto Him while yet His voice may be heard. Many and varied have been the trials and afflictions to which communities, far and wide, have been specially subjected of later time, and from which we, as individuals, have not escaped; and a desire was earnestly expressed, that all these trials might work together for our good; that we might not place our affections on the things of this world or its uncertain riches, but know them weaned therefrom, and placed on things above, where Christ dwelleth. It was believed that the present is a day in which many realize that the Lord is drawing entire upon them to return, repent and live, and earnest are our desires that none among us may neglect this holy call. It was earnestly pressed upon us to be found unceasingly faithful in the discharge of all our varied duties. The careful, daily, prayerful perusal of the Holy Scriptures was feelingly enjoined as containing the glad tidings of salvation—the record which God has been pleased to give us of His Son—and as such, they are to be sacredly regarded as of unspeakable value.

Having proceeded with the queries as far as the 3d, inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

At the appointed time, Friends again convened, and proceeded with the consideration of the State of Society. By the reports received, it appears that our testimonies are pretty well maintained, yet not without some exception. The importance of a faithful observance of our Discipline in regard to all our testimonies, was very sensibly felt, and Friends were encouraged to increased vigilance in these respects, believing that it is a day when we are specially called upon to take care that our light shine before men, that they may be attracted to follow us, as we follow Christ. It is a time when the spirit of war seems more generally to prevail than at some other periods, and the ancient and noble testimony which Friends have ever borne to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion, was dwelt upon as peculiarly precious; and Friends were entreated to be faithful in maintaining it every where and under all circumstances. Christian moderation, on all occasions—a strict observance of the limitations of Truth, in regard to the attainment of the treasures of this life and the enjoyments of a temporal nature, was feelingly recommended; and the wisdom of Agur's prayer was brought before us—"Give me neither poverty nor riches;" "feed me with food convenient for me;" and we were recommended more fully to put our trust in Him who regards the sparrow that cometh to the ground, and who mani-

fests His infinite care and unbounded love, by numbering the very hairs of our heads. We have been at this time again confirmed in the sure belief that the various testimonies which we as a people are engaged to maintain, are the testimonies of Truth, and are not therefore to be neglected by any of us, but conscientiously supported, in order that we may receive the blessing of Him from whom they spring. The advices contained in our Book of Discipline, in relation to various practical matters, were commended to our renewed and serious attention; and the ancient care and usages of our Society were seen to be very precious. "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

The following is a Summary of the Answers received, viz:-

1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, except seven specified instances, in one Quarterly Meeting, and in one other meeting reported to have been omitted a few times in one other Quarterly Meeting - and all these cases occurred in very small meetings, under peculiar circumstances. Those on first days have been attended, generally, by most of our members. Midweek meetings, and those for discipline are reported, in most of the answers to be more neglected: and, from one quarter, it is stated that a few have wholly left the attendance of our meetings. The hour is mostly observed. All but seven report a few cases of sleeping, and mostly clear of other unbecoming behavior in our meetings. Some care is reported in all the answers but two.

2. Love and unity are generally maintained, and detraction mostly guarded against. When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them.

3. There is a care with most of our members to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from pernicious reading and unmeet conversation, and to be good examples in these respects themselves. It appears that the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families.

4. The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes with the exception of nine cases, reported by four of our Quarterly Meetings, in most of which, it appears that care has been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and places of public resort is mostly avoided. Moderation and temperance appear to be maintained on the occasions referred to.

5. The necessary care appears to have been taken for the relief and education of the poor. None are reported to have been placed out from among Friends.

6. Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline. Exceptions are reported in the answers from three of our Quarters, in most of which care has been taken.

7. Our testimonies in these respects appear to have been maintained, with one exception in two of our Quarters in regard to war and to the support of a hireling ministry.

8 - Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts. They are generally punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts. Exceptions are reported in four of the answers, and some care taken - and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9 - Our records appear to have been attended to, with one exception. A few removals without certificates are reported by all the Quarters except two. Some care, in most cases, has been taken.

10. Care has been taken to deal with offenders, in a good degree, as queried, and to place judgment according to discipline.

We unite with the proposition of Dover Quarterly Meeting in the appointment of Stephen Beede, of Center Sandwich, N.H., as Correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, made vacant by removal.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning, the 16th, the Meeting again opened. The representatives present as yesterday.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the past year, were laid before this Meeting and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory to us: and the Friends now named as continued, to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings, for the ensuing year, and requested to act on our behalf on all matters relating to the interests of our Society, agreeably to the minute appointment and organization of that Meeting.

The committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, &c., report they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance due to the treasurer, of eighteen hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-six cents; and they propose that twelve hundred dollars be raised for the use of the meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer

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Thomas Markness,

On behalf of the committee."

Which is satisfactory, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of the sum proposed to be raised, to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The correspondent of Smithfield Monthly Meeting being rendered incapable, by disease, from performing the duties of that appointment, and the representatives from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposing the name of our friend John Osborne, we accordingly appoint him to that office.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment.

The subject of our Boarding School, in relation to the appointment of a committee to superintend it, on behalf of this Meeting, being again brought before us, it is our judgment that a smaller number of Friends than at present, might more usefully compose that Committee, and that it should be constituted of those who are willing to accept the appointment, and who are so situated that they can give their attention to the discharge of its duties; and the Committee appointed, on Second day afternoon, to propose the names of Friends to this Meeting, to constitute a School Committee, are requested to select a number not exceeding twelve, for this service, and present them to our next sitting.

The Committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting; and desiring the encouragement of the Friends now under appointment, (with the substitution of William Evans, Christopher C. Hussey, John W. Jones, Albert S. Paxson and Benjamin G. Shepherd, for Friends removed from those Monthly Meetings,) they are continued a Committee of this Meeting on this important concern, to report next year, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint Committee on Education report: That we have not been unmindful of our appointment, nor of the deep importance to the young and to our Society, of the interesting subject confided to us by the Yearly Meeting. As usual, little opportunity has been afforded the Committee for mutual conference and interchange of sentiment, in a collective capacity, except during the week of the Yearly Meeting; yet a part of our number, at least, have endeavored, as way has opened for it, to promote the guarded education of the youth of our Society, and to diffuse among our members a clearer interest in this important work.

Answers have been received to circulars addressed to correspondents in each of our thirty Monthly Meetings, and from the statistical information contained therein, the following summary has been compiled:

Number of children in the Monthly Meeting, between the ages of 11 and 16 years	961.
" between 16 and 21 years	487.
" of Monthly Meeting Schools	2.
" of Preparative " "	1.
" of Family Schools	5.
" of Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such	119.
" " " promiscuous Schools	1137.
" of these Schools taught by Friends	42.
" of children taught by Friends in mixed Schools	175.
" of members of our Society who have been engaged in teaching within our limits	75.

Number of First Day Schools taught by Friends 22.
Average continuance of these Schools, about 5 months.
Number of Children attending the same 654.
" " " who are members of our religious Society 371.

It is but just to remark, with reference to the small number who are reported as in the attendance of Schools exclusively confined to our own members, that, in addition to these, a very considerable number of our youth have been placed by parents, deeply interested in their welfare, in Schools more select, some of which are taught by Friends, and are obtaining, we trust, a guarded literary education, free, at the same time, in a good degree, from the injurious influences which Schools of a more promiscuous character are calculated to exert.

In the account from Valley Friends' Monthly Meeting, we are informed that "Oak Grove Seminary," a Boarding School wholly under the care of Friends within the limits of that Meeting, is now in successful operation, under the charge of Eli Jones and Sarah B. Taber, as principal teachers, and that the progress of the pupils, at their examination at the close of the last term, was satisfactory to the Board of Managers. The average attendance of Scholars, during the present term, has been about 90, of whom 76 were members of our Society.

While the scattered location of Friends in many parts of our Yearly Meeting, will doubtless contribute, with other causes, to prevent the Association of these children in select Schools, we have been very solicitous that all our members, upon whom have devolved the deeply interesting and responsible charge of providing for the training of our beloved youth, would, while commendably endeavoring to procure for them a literary education, be deeply sensible of the importance of that careful home culture which so largely contributes to the formation of character in the right way.

A judicious selection of books of an entertaining and instructive nature, carefully adapted to the minds of youth, will, we believe, be largely instrumental in promoting these objects; and we would encourage all those who have the training of young children, to a liberal provision of suitable reading matter in the little family circle.

It has been cause of regret to the committee, to observe that so small a proportion of the youth among us were in the enjoyment of the advantages to be derived from the attendance of First Day Schools, and we are desirous that Friends may be stimulated to increased efforts for the establishment and maintenance of these important auxiliaries to a religious education.

On the committee,

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1858. Henry J. Wood, Clerk. "

[Committee - George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Thorn, Chas. H. Lane, Thomas A. Tefft, Wm. Hale Hammond, Lucy A. Paine, Tamsen Collins, Abel Collins, Charles A. Lewis, Wm. Wilbur Chase, Josiah L. Curtis, Thomas Foster, Thomas H. Hendricks, Asenath Young, Stephen Pillingham,

Jewett Maxcie, Nathan T. Shepard, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, William L. Dove, Nathan Barney, Christopher C. Tupper, Rufus Rowe, John H. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Vincent, David Babcock, Jr. & Fry, Samuel C. Cotton, Timothy R. Dodge, Albert L. Tupper, Wm. C. Maxcie, Eli Jones, Lloyd C. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph C. Cole, William Dodge, Joseph C. Pratt, Hattie Sawyer, Jonathan Potter, Albert C. Tuffuns, Timothy B. Tupper, Ezra Judd, Lewis Keay, Wm. M. Sanborn, Levi Jones, Joseph Tupper, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benj. G. Merrick.

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Redman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Ann Reynolds, Mary Ann Dipson Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas T. Robinson, Susan Rice, Eunice B. Tupper, Anna M. Chase, Mary T. Cole, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dennison, Susan Sheppard, Maria Brown, Phebe K. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Mott, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hedges, Mary K. Hawkins, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Linder Mary Dean, Eunice J. Rice, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Lucinda B. Stevens, Mary R. Jones, Mary A. Jones, Hannah Tabor, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Merrill, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Bean, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Tilpha J. Shepherd.

The committee on the concern in this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquadda tribes of Indians, presented the following report, which is accepted to us. This concern is one that has been cherished by this Meeting for many years, and we have had thankfully to believe that our efforts for these tribes have been useful to them in various ways, and we desire that they may still see that we are their friends, and are concerned for their good. The committee is continued under appointment, and desired to report to this meeting next year.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee having charge of the concern of the Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, report, that they have not been unmindful of the service, and have endeavored to be prepared to embrace any opening that should present, to promote so desirable an object. But it has not been convenient for any member of the committee to visit them the past season, we are not prepared to give much specific information in relation to their affairs. We learn, however, from various sources, that a school has been in successful operation among them, a portion of the past year, and that commendable improvement has been made by the children in attendance. We look to this branch of their education with encouragement, in the hope that

it may be continued, until, under the keeping of an over-ruling Providence, it shall extend to all the different families of those tribes its healthful influence. There is reason to believe that the services of a similar committee, through the proper offices of government, will be useful in promoting schools among them, and that their counsel, would, in various ways be beneficial to the Indians, among whom there appears to be an increasing inclination to promote these desirable objects.

Nehemiah Jones,
John D. Lang.

Newport, 6mo. 16th, 1858. On behalf of the Committee."

[Committee.— John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Tabor, Caleb Jones, Moses Tabor, John Meader, Nathan Pengra, Allen Wing, Peter Nims, Daniel Tabor, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

The Committee on the correspondence is requested to present to our next sitting, suitable minutes for Friends now in attendance at this Meeting, from different Yearly Meetings in this country.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon, the 17th, the Meeting again convened.
The representatives present, except two.

At this sitting of our Meeting, we have the acceptable company of our beloved friend Deborah C. Hinsdale, who presented satisfactory certificates from New York Monthly Meeting, and Western Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a Minister, and with her present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Maria Willets, companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale, who presented a satisfactory certificate from New York Monthly Meeting, expressing unity with her as an Elder, and with her present engagement.

The Clerk is directed to furnish these Friends, on our behalf, with minutes, acknowledging their attendance.

The committee appointed to introduce names to constitute a School committee, propose the following Friends for that service, viz: Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Tabor, Alden Sampson, Samuel Boyce, Edwin C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., John Meader, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase and William A. Robinson, which are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are accordingly appointed to unite with a similar committee of the Women's Meeting, in the superintendence of the School for the ensuing year; and to report to our next meeting.

The committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following report, which, with verbal communications from the Committee, is interesting to us, and we trust a door may ere long be opened, through which our concern may be more fully

carried out. The committee is continued, and encouraged to embrace every right means to benefit this class of our fellow men, for whom this Meeting feels a deep interest, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting,

The committee under appointment to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of the Indians residing west of the Mississippi river, report, that the subject has claimed their attention.

The long distance at which we are situated, and the unsettled state of affairs respecting the Indians of the west, especially in the territory of Kansas, to whom the attention of Friends has been more particularly directed, has measurably discouraged us from any active measures in this concern the past year.

We have felt anxious lest the troubles alluded to, should unsettle the minds of the Indians, and involve them in the strife which has prevailed there. But we have been much relieved by learning, as we have, that the Indians have been preserved in a peaceable and quiet state; and we have great hopes they will so remain, and that the policy of the Government to locate them on smaller reservations secured to them in fee, will progress, and they be encouraged to apply themselves to agricultural pursuits. Friends, we think, may be useful to them in encouraging them to industry and frugality in their new pursuits, and we have reason to believe still preserve their influence over them. Members of our Society are spreading westward, and we hope the time is not far distant when Friends here, will have the opportunity to exercise this influence for their good, and thus the concern of the Meeting be more fully carried out

Stephen A. Chase,
John D. Lang. "

Newport, 6mo., 16th, 1858.

[Committee. - Stephen A. Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Rowland, Jr., Eli Jones, William C. Tabor, David Buffum and Joseph Eastland.]

The committee appointed to cause to be distributed a reprint of the London general epistle, report, that they have attended to the service, and the representatives now in attendance of this meeting are requested to convey them to the several Quarterly Meetings.

From New York Yearly Meeting, we have the following information in relation to correspondents:

Jamaica Quarterly Meeting.

Collins Monthly Meeting: Moses Cunnington, in place of John Young, released at his request. Address, Pontiac, Erie Co., N. Y.

Scipio Quarterly Meeting.

Hector Monthly Meeting: Joshua Hickock, in place of William Carman deceased. Address, Penn City, Schuyler Co., N. Y.

Pelham Quarterly Meeting.

Norwich Monthly Meeting: Jesse Hoxie, in place of Frederick Stover, de-

ceased. Address, Monica, P. O., C. W.

Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting: Seneca Doane, in place of Mercurius Doan, deceased. Address, New Market, C. W.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following certificates for our friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson.

"To Thirsk Monthly Meeting in the County of Essex, the Quarterly Meeting of Essex, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London -

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Priscilla Green attended this Meeting last year, and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings expressive of unity with her as a Gospel Minister, and with her religious engagements in this land. This dear friend is now again acceptably with us, and has informed us that while she does not yet clearly see the time of release from religious service on this Continent to return to her native land, yet she believes it may not be required of her again to attend this Meeting.

We think it right to inform you that in the course of her engagement she has visited many of the meetings of Friends within our limits, and that her Gospel services among us have been truly acceptable and edifying - that she has been enabled rightly to divide the word and to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ to our great comfort and instruction. Her walk and conversation have been marked with much watchfulness and circumspection - being graced with humility and giving evidence of an abiding concern to keep near to her divine Master, to know Him to be her guide and protector.

"In now parting with this beloved friend, we earnestly desire that when her services in this land shall have been fully accomplished, she may be restored in safety to her friends and to the bosom of the Church in the enjoyment of a measure of the peace of Christ."

"To the Monthly Meeting of Pardshaw - the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, and the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London -

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Mary Nicholson, accompanying our dear friend Priscilla Green, attended this Meeting last year and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings, expressing unity with her as a Gospel Minister and with her present religious engagement in this land. She is now again acceptably with us, and we are informed that she does not expect again to attend this meeting before her return to her home.

We believe it right for us to testify on her behalf that her labors in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ within our borders have been truly acceptable and comforting to us - and her conduct and conversation exemplary and consistent

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with the mission in which she has been engaged, exhibiting much meekness circumspection and Christian simplicity.

In now parting with this dear Sister, we commend her to the continued care of the good Shepherd, desiring her preservation and safe return to her friends and home in the enjoyment of sweet peace."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend Olney Thompson, and similar ones for our friends Thomas Jay, James Isaac and Thos Ume Sands, viz:

"Our beloved friend, Olney Thompson, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Jesse Small, and similar ones for our friends Lydia Thompson, alias Lane, William Bond and Matilda Bond, viz.:

"Our beloved friend Jesse Small, attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of epistles to our brethren of London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, prepared by the committee on correspondence, were presented and read; and being approved by the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to sign them, on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings, respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause 3000 copies of Extracts, from the Minutes of this Meeting, to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate Meetings.

Having, as we humbly trust, witnessed through the whole course of this Meeting, an extension of a measure of that holy help which has proved preserving, with feelings of gratitude for the mercies received, and commending all to the protecting care of Him who regards the petitions of the humble, we now come to a solemn conclusion, proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time, next year, if our heavenly Father permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

Epistles,

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held on Rhode Island from the 13th to the 17th inclusive of the Sixth month, 1851, to other Yearly Meetings of Friends; -

To the Yearly Meeting of London.

Dear Friends,

It is cause of thankfulness to the Fountain of mercy, that, from year to year, as the appointed seasons come round, we have been favored

meet together, as we humbly trust, in his name, to render to him the tribute of worship and praise, and to transact the affairs of the Church, that a visible testimony to the efficacy of His grace, and of the reality of the religion of Jesus may be borne before men, - and that we may by thus mingling together, strengthen and encourage one another, and become one another's helpers in the Lord. We have, at this time, through the mercy of the Lord, as we reverently believe, been made measurably sensible of the preciousness of that uniting of unity and mind which is the fruit of the Gospel of Christ so beautifully described in the language of our blessed Lord - "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

As we come fully to recognize the great truth, that Christ is, indeed, head over all things to his Church, and by humble submission to his baptisms, learn fully to rely on Him, as He is one, so shall we witness ourselves to become one in Him. Is it not his gracious purpose, according to his promise) that we should become complete in Him? Are not his dispensations towards us adapted to these ends? Are we afflicted, tossed as with a tempest and not comforted, His gracious language is, "Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Are we made to abound in the good things of his kingdom; - How will the thankful language of our heart be to those around us, "O taste and see that the Lord is good". Thus learning in the school of Christ, both how to abound and how to suffer want, and by the blessed discipline of the Cross, taught the great lesson of submission to the Lord's will in all things, we shall be prepared, to be useful members of His Church, and to adorn the doctrine of our blessed Saviour, to stand in the day of trial, and having done all to stand.

Near the close of our last Yearly Meeting we received your acceptable epistle of the year 1857, and we are now in receipt of the testimonial of brotherly regard, addressed by you to us, the present year; and we have been made to rejoice, that the love of the gospel yet cements us together, so that there is graciously afforded, from time to time, an evidence of the design of our Holy Head, that we should be one people, and that our unity stands in that love which binds together the believers in Jesus. May we cherish this invaluable bond, holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering - Faith in God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

Soon after our last Yearly Meeting there was received from you, your address entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ to all who bear the name of Friends", and "an address to parents and others on the early training and Scriptural instruction of children". The former has been reprinted and circulated as requested by you. We desire to cherish and promote the prevalence of that spirit which craves that all who are called by the same name, may also become partakers in truth of the same calling", "as there is one body and one spirit, even", as saith an apostle, "as ye are called in one hope of your

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calling". We indulge the hope that by submission to the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will so humble the haughty looks of man, and so bring down all pride of opinion, and unrighteous and uncharitable judgments, that strife and separation may cease, and the people who profess his name, become more and more of one flock and family to the praise of his great name.

The attendance at our present Yearly Meeting, has been about as usual. Among them are many of our precious young men; and when we miss from year to year, from their accustomed seats, those dear brethren, to whose age and piety, we have been wont to look for counsel, we earnestly desire that our young men may lay it to heart; and submitting themselves to the baptism of Christ witness a qualification to become the successors of those, who are now reaping the reward of the righteous in the heavenly kingdom, in bearing before men the testimonies of Jesus, that thus the Lord and his cause may be exalted.

Many are the lessons which in the dispensations of Divine Providence are given to the children of men to learn. Among these of the last rank, is that of the uncertainty of riches. Men have been taught by experience that for wise purposes of time, worldly treasures are permitted to vanish, and the wisdom of the apostolic injunction to Timothy is impressively taught - "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." How many expectations of enjoyment in the things of time have been disappointed, how many hopes, from this source, blasted. We desire to cherish feelings of charity and sympathy for all who are under discouragement and suffering on these accounts, and at the same time, our desires are fervent that we may all seek after durable riches - a treasure in heaven; and being taught, that the world, with all its treasures cannot satisfy the needs of the immortal soul we may all seek and pray for the redemption which comes by Jesus Christ, and witnessing the forgiveness of our sins, through the efficacy of the one offering for sin, and a renewal of the heart unto righteousness which is of faith in Him, we may be prepared for an inheritance incorruptible, which fadeth not away.

Our beloved friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson, from your Yearly Meeting are again acceptably with us at this time.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed in behalf, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Dobey - Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear friends,

Your acceptable epistle, of the 5th month last, was received and read at this time, together with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from other Yearly Meetings. During the reading thereof we have been comforted and

confirmed in the belief, that we continue to be one people, striving that we may be made partakers of the blessed promises of the gospel, and engaged for the promotion of one and the same blessed cause.

In assembling together, at this time, we have been humbled under a renewed sense of our weaknesses and short comings, but thanks be to the great head of the Church, he hath been pleased to be near, and to cover us with his love; giving us to see the necessity, and (we trust) to feel the efficacy of the renewed application of the blood of sprinkling to our hearts.

Solemn, indeed, is the reflection that without repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven; and we have, in this occasion, fervently desired that we may often examine ourselves in order to know whether we have witnessed that true repentance, not to be repented of. How humbling and abasing is the consideration that we are all by nature alienated from God. that we have all sinned and fallen short of his glory - and that unless we come to the blessed fountain set open for sin and uncleanness, unless we know of being washed in the blood of the Lamb, we cannot be made partakers of that inheritance, which is incorruptible, and fadeth not away. And when, through mercy, we are brought to realize our condition as we stand in the fall, when, through the quickening influence of divine Love, we are led to true repentance, how consoling and encouraging is the reflection that Christ died to save sinners, that in Him we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; and that the promise is to all true believers, he will be made unto them "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption". May we, beloved friends, in the remembrance that we are not our own, but that we are bought with a price, submit ourselves unreservedly to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and devote our time and our talents to the service of Him who died for us; may we be prepared through his constraining love to make all the sacrifices required at our hands, that, in the end, having washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and having followed him whithersoever he would lead us, we may obtain an inheritance among those who are sanctified.

The past year has been a time of peculiar trials in the commercial world, and many have witnessed the chance of depending for earthly things, and earthly possessions, and have we trust been induced to seek to place their affections upon things above, that they may know of laying up treasure in Heaven. And it is our concern, that under the renewed awakening and visitation of our heavenly Father, now extended to the children of men, we may seek diligently and prayerfully to know what is required at our hands, and learn in humility to perform it, that we may be made instrumental in hastening the coming of that day, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters do the sea.

Our Boarding School Committee have made an interesting report, by which it appears that this Institution is in a prosperous condition, and we

have cause for believing that it continues to be a blessing to the young and rising generation.

With the Salutation of Love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Haley - Clerk

To New York:

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the present year was received and read in this meeting, together with similar testimonials of unity and fellowship from the other Yearly Meetings on this continent and in Europe, with which we correspond, to our comfort and encouragement; and we greatly desire that nothing may be permitted to mar this ordered intercourse and interchange of Christian regard and concern for the welfare one of another, but rather that all who profess to be led and guided by the same Spirit should harmonise together in Christian love, and in efforts for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We have gratefully to acknowledge that, during the sittings of this our annual assembly, we have been favoured to feel that the presence of the Holy Head of the Church has not been withheld from us, notwithstanding our unworthiness and many shortcomings, and we feel bound to testify with the Psalmist, that the Lord is good, that his mercy endureth forever. Blessed be his holy name!

In the consideration of the state of Society as presented to us, at this time, deficiencies, as heretofore, were brought to view, and much weighty concern was expressed on that account. We were lovingly encouraged to moderation in the business pursuits of life, to set our desires more upon the things that lead to peace and that accompany salvation, and to guard in heavenly things above the accumulation of this world's goods, which, at best, will fill the mind with care and anxiety, and interfere with that devotion to the cause of our blessed Redeemer and the spread of his glorious gospel of peace in the earth, which it is our privilege and duty to be engaged in promoting. Our attention was called to the conduct of Friends as related in the early history of our Society, and we were encouraged to emulate their example in the firm maintenance of that high standard of Christian morality in our business relations with the world, which has always been professed by our Society, and which has done much to commend our peculiar principles and testimonies of Friends to the favourable regard of men - that thus we might not give occasion for stumbling, or cause of offence, to honest, seeking minds in the present day.

But, dear friends, although we sensibly feel that we are surrounded by weaknesses, and are but few in numbers, as compared with the great body of Christian professors, still we have, as we are bound to believe, an important work to do in the defence of the gospel and in the support of many living

important testimonies founded in Christian truth, and which our worthy predecessors were engaged faithfully to maintain. May we realise the importance of our position, and humbly seeking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in that unfailing arm of Divine Power, may we "run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith", always bearing in mind his gracious promise, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear friends,

Under a deep sense, we trust, of our unworthiness and entire dependance upon the great Giver of all that we enjoy either of spiritual blessings or temporal possessions, we are assembled to transact the concerns of the Church in a Yearly Meeting capacity. To Him who, in every age of the world, has been the guide and guard of his people, and who still continues by his own good Spirit to operate upon the hearts of his children to warn and enlighten, to reprove and comfort them according to their several conditions and spiritual necessities, we would unite in offering a tribute of praise and thanksgiving.

In contemplating the various deficiencies which exist among us, we are led to believe that many of these have their origin in an unwillingness to comply with that injunction: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." An obedience to this forms the first step we are called upon to take in our Christian course, and as we persevere therein, following on to know the Lord, we have the assurance, that, in his own time, he will give us the victory.

The lawful and necessary avocations of life, if pursued unrestrained by the reasoning influences of Truth upon the heart, by slow degrees, often, almost imperceptible, destroy the impressions of good implanted there, inducing a state of worldly mindedness and a lack of interest in those things that belong to salvation. Most earnestly, therefore, do we desire for ourselves and for you, that in the discharge of all our duties, whether religious, social, or pertaining to the business walks of life, we may seek after and obtain that wisdom which is profitable to direct.

We received, at this time, much to our satisfaction, an epistolary communication from you, and also the minutes of the Yearly Meetings, with which we are in correspondence.

In the transaction of the business that has come before us, much unity and brotherly love have prevailed, affording evidence of the cementing

influence of christian love and charity.

In conclusion, we would bid you an affectionate farewell, commending ourselves and you to the guidance and protection of the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Ebbey. Clerk

To North-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

By the mercy of our holy Head, we are again permitted to meet in this our annual Assembly. Our hearts, we trust, are made sensible that it is of the extended goodness of our heavenly Father, that coming, as we do, from distant and different parts of our limits, we are once more indulged to mingle with our beloved brethren in the solemnities of a Yearly Meeting.

We have, at this time, received the acceptable epistle from your Yearly Meeting of the 11th mo. last, and it has been read to our comfort and encouragement. We feel that by means of this our mutual correspondence, the unity of the Church is promoted, and the bonds of our brotherhood strengthened. In acknowledgement that the great Head of the Church has been pleased to preside over your assembly, enabling you to transact the weighty concerns of society that have come before you "in much harmony and tenderly love", has met a feeling response in our hearts. We, too, as we reverently believe, in unmerited mercy, have experienced the wing of Ancient Goodness spread over us during the time of our deliberations. Renewed evidences have been afforded that the bow of the warrior in the Lamb's warfare is made to abide in strength, only by the hand of the mighty God of Jacob. "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory."

Epistles from London, Dublin, and from all the Yearly Meetings on the Continent, except one, have been received at this time, and read to our comfort. We have been encouraged and strengthened to hold on our way, and we would extend to you the word of encouragement; be patient, relying in humble faith upon the promise of the Redeemer, that, "he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

We feel a deep and tender sympathy with you, surrounded as you are with that system of oppression which holds a portion of our fellow men in bondage. The time when, and the means by which, that dominion of prejudice shall be loosed from their oppression, are known to him only, to whom secret things belong; yet he has instituted a means, whereby his dependent children may come unto him, ask, and receive of him the desire of their hearts, namely, that of earnest, fervent prayer. Then may we individually and unitedly be turned

in fervent entreaty to Him, both for the sake of the oppressor, whom we sincerely commiserate, and for the oppressed whose bondage has long been borne, that he would soften the hearts of all those, who, having the power, do bind heavy burdens upon their fellow-men, too grievous to be endured, and cause the hand of the oppressor to loose the cords of slavery and let the oppressed go free.

The condition of our Society as we have felt it by the answers to the queries has been pondering and weighing considered, and although irregularities exist among us, yet we were exhorted by concerned brethren to faithfulness in the maintenance of our Christian testimonies; and we would extend to you, as brethren of the same faith, the word of encouragement. May faithfulness and obedience to manifested duty be the earnest engagement of every heart.

We are glad to learn by your epistle that an increasing interest is felt by you for the guarded education of the youth amongst you, and that your Boarding School is still accomplishing much good. Ours, also, is in successful operation, and beneficial influences, we believe, continue to be very apparent.

We have been favored with the acceptable company of many beloved friends from other Yearly Meetings.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear friends,

The privilege of being once more assembled in our Yearly Meeting, and of enjoying, as, at this time, it has been granted us, an evidence of the protecting care of our heavenly Father over us, is a favor which we have gratefully to acknowledge.

Your acceptable Epistle of 9th month last, we have received, together with those from our brethren from other Yearly Meetings. While all these bear to us expressions of the goodness of the Lord, they manifest a deep sense of the really militant character belonging to the visible Church, and that final victory for its members is obtained only through Christ and patient endurance in following him, holding our confidence steadfast unto the end.

Our tender sympathies, beloved brethren, are with you, when we contemplate your recent path of trial and of suffering, and the "fight of affliction," in which, to some extent, you are still engaged; and strong is our solicitude, that your security, through all, may be in Him, whose grace and sufficiency are held out in the words: "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Beloved, think it not strange" (said the apostle) concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye

me partakers of Christs sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad with exceeding joy."

Our meeting, at this time is attended by about the usual number of its members, among whom we notice many of the younger class who give an encouraging evidence, that upon them is laid the fostering hand of the Master preparing them to become living members of his church. Upon this interesting class among us we must sorely devolve the care and responsibilities of the Church, and for them our intercessions are raised to God that they may bend thankfully to the yoke of Christ, relying upon his assurance that his yoke is easy and the burden light.

With you we take comfort in the consideration that we have been enabled to transact the various concerns of the Yearly Meeting with feelings of tender regard to each other, a favour we crave with gratitude, and desire its continuance.

A lively concern has been felt amongst us for the faithful maintenance of those testimonies, which, from their unquestioned Christian origin, have, by Friends, ever been held dear. If to uphold them in singleness of heart, as unto the Lord, be to own our blessed Saviour before men, will not the neglect of them be regarded as denying him before men? With what boldness then, in our Christian course, are we called upon to put on strength in His great name for the service of Him from whom we receive "life and breath and all things"?

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey — Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear friends,

We can gratefully acknowledge the reception of your acceptable Epistle of 10th month last, together with similar testimonials of brotherly love from all the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; and we have renewedly felt the value of being permitted thus to hear from our absent brethren, and to have the opportunity of addressing them.

According to Scripture testimony: "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and as we abide in his fear, and in the unity of the Spirit, we shall, at times, find comfort in freely communicating to each other our joys and sorrows, and according to our measure, bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. Beloved friends, we have not been without trial and chastenings, and a measure of suffering for His body's sake, that is the Church, in which we have felt constrained to salute you in the love of Christ, and to desire your encouragement in every good word and work. While believing that no new thing hath happened unto us we have felt

the importance of humbling ourselves under the mighty power of God, that he would be pleased to exalt us in due time. With these feelings on our own account, our sympathies have been afresh moved for you, apprehending that you may be brought into situations, where it may appear for the moment that nothing remains but to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord; as you abide in patience, and single dependence on the arm of the Lord, you will be enabled to behold that, which has appeared to you impassable, to be removed, and a plain path opening before you.

We have had an interesting and satisfactory report from the committee having charge of our Boarding School, appealing to the religious, under the Divine owning of that Institution continues to open to the youth amongst us precious advantages by promoting their moral and religious education.

Whilst engaged in reading the Answers to the Queries, we were reminded that deficiencies still exist within our borders, on the account of which concerned millions have been exercised in mind counsel, admonition and encouragement, calculated through watchfulness unto prayer to strengthen the things which remain. We can respond to the solicitude expressed by you, "That the doctrines and testimonies, which, we as a people, have been called upon to maintain, may not be permitted to fall to the ground"; and earnest are our desires that those among you and us, who have long labored for the promotion of righteousness in the earth, may continue steadfast in their allegiance to the King Immortal and witness His preserving power to be with them unto the end.

We have the company at this time of a goodly number of our younger members, who afford the comforting evidence that they are becoming prepared for usefulness in the Church; and we are encouraged in the belief that as this interesting portion of our Society continue situated, submitting themselves to the baptisms of Christ, and faithfully following the dictates of His Holy Spirit, they will be more and more qualified to join with their elder brethren in upholding the standard of Truth and Righteousness.

Our interest is revived that we may be excited frequently, diligently and prayerfully in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, of which it is testified that they are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Western Yearly Meeting:

Dear friends,

We are assembled as a Yearly Meeting, at our usual time and place, and engaged, as in former years, in attending to the varied services

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appertaining to the right order of the Church, and have reverently to acknowledge that we have mercifully witnessed the wing of ancient Goodness to be spread over us, under which we feel that we may safely trust.

We have been drawn towards you with feelings of deep interest and christian fellowship, and desire to salute you in Gospel love. We have been accustomed to address you as a portion of our beloved brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, but by them are informed that you are now constituted a distinct Yearly Meeting.

The opening of a new Yearly Meeting is an occasion of deep interest - we doubt not you feel it to be so. You are now the outward head of a series of meetings. In the organization of these meetings, each has its respective duties, and each its responsibilities, and beautiful is this order of the Church, instituted as we have no doubt it is, in best wisdom - and that which is appointed as the Head of the Church, as living members thereof, we are faithfully to observe. You believe must see that this is true

In every period of our religious Society it has been its experience, that as we have been engaged to adhere closely to the order of the Church - to maintain its discipline - to keep its testimonies, we have prospered as a people and been blessed of the Lord. When we have turned aside therefrom, the Enemy has entered into our borders - has disaffected the hearts of brethren towards each other - surmisings and jealousies have taken the place of charity and confidence and contention and alienation have been the bitter fruit.

Watchfulness unto prayer continues to be our only safety - for so hath the Lord appointed. Humility is the true adorning of the Christian. The follower of Jesus wears it as a garment. It is always a clearness to his fellow men - and it is the truly humble that are taught by him - it is they that are guided in judgment. In this condition there is no striving for the mastery - each esteems other better than himself, and is ever ready to rejoice in the prosperity of a brother. While in this meeting condition, the authority of the Church which has been conferred by its adorable Head, will ever be regarded - proper subordination will never be distasteful or irksome, but every member will rejoice in being a participant in the care extended by the Church - each will be engaged to keep his appointed place, feeling that every member of the body is alike essential to its life and health, and every one will be concerned faithfully to exercise the gift he has received, in whatever station or service, in the fear of the Lord.

Dear Brethren! You now enter upon the duties and responsibilities of a Yearly Meeting. We welcome you into the brotherhood. We extend to you the hand of friendship and love. We offer you our friendly greeting. We desire that a correspondence, now commenced by us, may be continued in love and life - that we may be helpful to each other - that we may be encouraged in hearing of the prosperity of Truth within our

respective bodies - that we may be instrumental in the Lord's hand in strengthening each other in promoting the one great cause - the cause of our Holy Redeemer.

Brethren, we pray for you that you may be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord". We crave for you, as for ourselves, that you may know Him who is head over all things unto His Church to be with you - that He may be your Guide, your Crown - your Glory - and to Him be ascribed all Praise forever. Farewell! -

Your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyle Tobey Clerk.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day, the 12th, and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 13th of Sixth month, 1859:-

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode-Island - Timothy C. Collins, James Dennis, Joseph C. Metcalf, Edmund Chase, David Buffum, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Josiah Chace, John Meader, Joseph C. Anthony, William H. Robinson and Perez Peck.

From Salem - Moses Huntington, Jr., Samuel Boyce, Thomas T. Thorndike, Micajah C. Pratt, Josiah D. Challis and Moses T. Rogers

From Sandwich - Edmund Jenney, Calvin Shepherd, Jewell Hoxie, Timothy Akin, Matthew Barney, William C. Taber, John W. Gifford, Joseph Taber and Samuel Gifford.

From Falmouth - Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Minott, Robert Goddard and Caleb Jones.

From Smithfield - Thomas Grover, Samuel H. Cotton, David Babcock Edward Earle, Albert S. Payson and Isaac Steere.

From Lapsaweco - Stephen Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Caleb Nichols, Elisha Mosher, Charles B. Coates, Daniel Taber, Jacob H. Vining and Timothy Hanson.

From Dover - Benajah Buffum, Timothy Hanson, Albert C. Buffum, John Estes and Jesse Roberts.

From Fairfield - Charles F. Coffin, Elijah Pope, Arden Sampson, Moses Bailey, Ezekiel Bailey, Henry Winslow and David Douglas, -

whose names being called, they were all present except two, for whose absence bodily indisposition was assigned as the cause.

Having at this Meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Robert Lindsey, from England, satisfactory certificates were read from Brighouse Monthly Meeting, held the 6th of 3d month, 1857; the Quarterly Meeting for the county of York, held at Leeds, the 25th and 26th of 3d mo. 1857, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, in the 5th month, 1857, expressive of unity with him as a Minister of Christ, and in his present religious engagement.

We have, also, the acceptable company of our beloved friend, Sarah Lindsey, who accompanies her husband, Robert Lindsey, in the present

religious service in which he is engaged; and satisfactory certificates were presented and read from Brighouse Monthly Meeting, held 19th of 6th month, 1857; York Quarterly Meeting, held 21st of 6th month, 1857, and the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, 7th month, 13th, 1857, expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and in the present service in which she is engaged.

Hearing, at this Meeting, the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Frazier, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Joel Bean, of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting Iowa, and Mary T. Meader of Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were presented and read.

We have also, the acceptable company of our beloved friend John M. Bond, from Poplar Run Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our friend, Thomas Frazier, who presented a satisfactory certificate from said Meeting.

The London printed Epistle for the year 1858, has been read, and is very acceptable to this Meeting; and we appoint our friends, William H. Robinson and Samuel Boyce, to attend to the distribution of a reprint, of 3,500 copies, among our subordinate meetings; and we commend to our members, individually, the practical, seasonable counsel and salutary suggestions contained therein.

We have been again cheered and comforted at this time, by the receipt of salutations in the love of the Gospel, from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, and we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, and present to a future sitting, epays of communications to these several Yearly Meetings, expressive of our continued love and Christian fellowship, viz: Stephen M. Grubb, John D. Lang, John Meader, William C. Taber, Newell Wasson Gibbons Condon, Thomas Folsom, Samuel Boyce, John Milton Earle, Caleb Jones, John Wilson, Moses H. Beede Stephen Jones Thomas J. Hilliard, Samuel Lindley Coffin, David Duncan, Henry T. Hood, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas D. Nichols, Charles F. Coffin, David Linden, Jacob M. Lining, Henry M. Minott, Thomas Grover, Charles F. Tucker, William H. Robinson, Daniel Jones, Alden Sampson, Stephen Dillingham and Samuel Austin.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform, that they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock raised for by this Meeting last year; and we appoint our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Hall, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Nichols, Richard Dalby, Amos D. Winston and Alden Sampson to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, to propose a suitable sum to be raised for the

rise of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer; to report at a future sitting.

By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, we are informed of the decease of Oliver Earle an Elder, and member of Swanzey Monthly Meeting, on the 4th of 12th month, 1858, aged 78 years, 10 months and 10 days. Sandwich reports that it has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Wesley Akin and Abby W. Hathaway to the station of Elders, and with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lydia B. Mitchell, to the same station — and that the following Friends have deceased since last account, viz: Hannah T. Taber, a Minister, and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, 9th month, 6th, 1858, aged 57 years, 8 months and 12 days; Daniel Bowerman, an Elder, and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting, 1st month 13th, 1859 aged 84 years, 8 months and 24 days; and Elizabeth Slade, an Elder and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, 3d month, 23d, 1859, aged 76 years, 4 months and 4 days. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports the decease of Mathias Pope, an Elder and member of Windham Monthly Meeting, on the 20th of 1st month, 1859, aged 83 years, 9 months and 22 days. Smithfield informs that it has united with Bolton Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the Public appearances in the Ministry, of Lucy F. Cowing and Lydia B. Dow. Vassalboro' that it has united with China Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the Public appearances in the ministry, of Lettie T. Jones; and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Mary R. Jones, to the station of an Elder; and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Cook, to the same station; and that John Wirth, an Elder, and member of China Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th month, 8th, 1858, aged 80 years, 11 months and 20 days. Dover reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Walter Sawyer to the station of an Elder; and Fairfield, that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in appointing Joseph S. Hawks to the same station; and that Lydia Pope, an Elder, and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, died 5th month, 6th, 1858, aged 72 years.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon — met by adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had convened together, and were united in proposing Samuel Ford Jones, as Clerk, and Hannah H. Chase, as Assistant Clerk; which nominations being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting, for the last year, were now laid before us, and read.

The meeting being informed by the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that a Minister belonging to this meeting has a concern to pay a religious visit in a remote part of the country — the State of California — and that he is desirous of laying this concern before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in order that so important an engagement may receive the most careful and weighty deliberation of the Church, this meeting is united in requesting the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to receive any communication in relation to his concern, which the Friend may see fit to make; and to act officially thereon in the same manner provided for by Discipline "when the concern extends to Europe, or beyond sea."

The portion of our Discipline, in relation to the official steps taken by the Church, in liberating Ministers for religious service has claimed the consideration of this Meeting — and we are united in requesting the Meeting to suffering deliberately and solidly to consider the Subject, and report their judgment thereon to this meeting, next year.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School, presented their annual report, as follows — which is satisfactory to this Meeting; and the Friends now under appointment, are continued to constitute a Committee on the part of this meeting, for the ensuing year — to report to our next meeting. "

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught; and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally proved seasons of much interest

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and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the Servants a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling and desire to promote the best interest of the school, have prevailed.

We have had during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Eastland, and his wife Gertrude W. Eastland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John M. Tower, Rebecca R. Hing and Mary J. Harris as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Paine, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Lana Patten, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Renaud, as teacher in French and German. Mary E. Potter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline W. Pinkham of Cheltenham and Samuel T. Satterthwaite, as teacher of the English branches, was employed in addition in the winter term.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates & diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the conveniences and advantages of the School, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school House, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develope and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having ~~need to~~ not been made in the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school, has also been made, consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there; - thus, adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund	$ 257 50
Due the treasurer at this time	97 50
	$ 355.

Charges on the Fund.

Due the treasurer last year	$ 75
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each	280
	$ 355

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the treasurer is deducted, there will remain $160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving $120 for appropriation the ensuing year.

General Fund.

Receipts from income of the School Fund		$ 5,892 84
Payments, —		
Fire insurance, premium		$ 165
Interest		183 07
Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal		$ 2795 95
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365	$ 2430 95
Due Joseph Cartland, on contract		3000
		$ 5779 02
Leaving a surplus of		113 82

Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at $ 2,285 09, leaves the present indebtedness $ 2,171 87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: $ 40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $ 60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, & the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and $ 100 for any others, payable in advance. That $ 5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called

to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, previous to entering the school belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee, in order for admission."

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

Providence, 5th month, 10th, 1859. Stephen M. Chase, Clerk.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And Friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week after that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the

privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the School, it is expected that Payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address Joseph Cartland,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R.I. "

[Committee.- Samuel Boyd Tobey, Vincent Congdon, Wm. C. Jones, Aden Sampson, Samuel Boyce, Sidney C. Smith, George Howland, Jr., John Meader, Charles K. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase and William A. Robinson.

Elizabeth Meader, Lydia Congdon, Sarah H. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia C. Jones, Dorcas J. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah J. Sampson, Ann B. Coale and Anna J. Dennis.]

We appoint our friends Thomas S. Gifford, Nathan Read, Joseph Wing, Caleb Jones, Samuel C. Cotton, John Milton Coale, Charles B. Coates, Stephen Jones, Benajah Buffum and Moses Bailey, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Third Day Morning, the 14th.

The meeting convened, pursuant to adjournment; the Representatives present, except two.

Under a precious covering of solemnity, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the answers to the Queries, from the several Quarterly Meetings. In this engagement, a living concern was evidenced, that we might not only feel that these searching queries are applicable to the collective body, but to each individual; and that every one of us might bring them home to himself, to know to what extent he is fulfilling their requirements.

The answer to the first query, relating to the all important practical duty of assembling together, for the purpose of worshipping our Father who is in Heaven, manifests, as in former years, that there is with some communities in all our different meetings a want of faithfulness in this respect, and very feelingly have we been exercised to, duly consider the nature of this service, under a remembrance of the relation in which we stand to God. Do we realize our dependence upon Him? Do we constantly bear upon our hearts the unquestioned truth, that every thing we enjoy in this present life comes from his holy hand? That we can command for ourselves no blessing - that we can control by our own power, none of his

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dispensations to the chidren of men. Have we faith in God? Without it, it is impossible to please him. We must believe not only that he is, but that he is a rewarder of all them that diligently seek him. Are we deterred from attending our religious meetings because we are not willing to leave our temporal engagements during the little portion of time that would be occupied in this service? Do we not believe that the omnipotent one, who so regards all his created beings, who so notices them, that he numbers every hair of their heads, will bless them even in temporal things, while they are manifesting their allegiance unto him by assembling with their brethren to worship him? If the injunction of the blessed Saviour is observed, to seek first the kingdom of heaven and the righteousness thereof, his promise will surely be fulfilled, that he who knoweth we have need of these things, will grant them unto us. We were instinctively led to the example of our predecessors in the truth, and the sacrifices they so cheerfully made in order to the performance, faithfully, of this religious duty, and the blessing of heaven that rested upon them. The language of encouragement was held forth to those who, under much discouragement, are engaged to be faithful in the discharge of this duty - when the number who meet together may be very small. Be not disheartened be not turned aside. As thy day is, so shall thy strength be. How precious the declaration of Christ, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

A want of love and unity, was apparent in some of our meetings, which brought this meeting into deep exercise. We clearly see that this cannot exist, if our hearts are right towards God. God is love, and they that dwell in God, dwell in love. Vain is any pretence of love to God, whom we have not seen, if we love not our brother whom we have seen. Our adorable Saviour taught us to pray unto our Heavenly Father, to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Do we not feel, individually, our need of forgiveness? Do we not realise that we are all soon to stand before the judgment seat of Christ? Will a plea be availing before him, that our brother offended against us, in justification of our want of love to him? If thy brother offend against thee, go tell him his fault between him and thee alone. Have we observed the counsel enjoined by the Head of the Church? Are we sure there is no root of bitterness in our own hearts? Are our hands clean in the sight of God? Let each individual faithfully examine himself, and know how it stands between his own soul and him, unto whom he is to give account.

The standard of truth cannot be changed; it cannot be lowered by the will of man, or by his views of expediency; and we were tenderly and earnestly exhorted to maintain the testimonies referred to in the third query - not as matters of formality, but as the fruits of the principles of

truth — the result of obedience to manifested duty in the secret of the heart. Let nothing be esteemed little, which is required of us by the Lord. A strict attention to individual scruples is essential to individual peace. "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

Parents have a deep responsibility. Are they faithful in the discharge of their duties to their precious children? Do they exercise, in a right spirit, proper parental authority? Are they engaged to preserve them from the evils that surround them — from the world that lies in wickedness? Are they prepared to answer the solemn query, "Where are the lambs committed to thy charge?"

Having proceeded to the third query, inclusive, the meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it again assembled and proceeded to read the remaining queries and answers; during which engagement, a lively concern was expressed, that there might no relaxation in the care of Friends, individually, faithfully to maintain the important testimonies therein refered to.

The following is a Summary of the answers received, viz:—

1. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended with the exception of eleven instances reported by four of the Quarterly Meetings, and a few others, the number of which is not specified, all of which omissions are stated to have occurred in small meetings, and some of them to have been occasioned by sickness and bad travelling. In two of the Quarterly Meetings no omissions are reported. The first day meetings appear to have been attended by most of our members, while a marked neglect by a portion of them, in the attendance of mid week meetings, is reported from all the Quarters, and one report makes the same complaint in reference to first day afternoon meetings. The hour appears to be nearly observed. There is but little complaint of unbecoming behavior, except a few instances of sleeping, noticed in all the accounts. Care is reported to have been taken in all the answers except one.

2. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained; yet some exceptions are made in three of the accounts. Detraction is mostly guarded against; and care has been taken to end differences, when they have appeared

3. Friends are generally careful to bring up those under their care in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading, and corrupt conversation, and to be exemplary themselves; yet a deficiency in these respects is apparent in some of our members. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families, with a slight exception reported in one answer.

4. The use of spirituous liquors appears to be confined to medicinal purposes, except in seven instances reported in four of the answers, in all

which care has been taken. The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns and other places of public resort appears to have been mostly avoided, and moderation and temperance have been observed on the occasions referred to in the query.

5. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and their necessities relieved; and their children freely partake of learning. One instance only is reported of a child's being placed out from among friends.

6. Friends are generally careful that proceedings in relation to marriage be conformable to discipline. Three of the answers, however, report as exceptions, seven cases of marriages out of society, and three of keeping company on that account.

7. Four cases are reported in two of the accounts of contributing to the payment of Priests' wages, of which, three existing in one of the meetings, are under notice. With these exceptions, our testimonies appear to have been maintained in these respects.

8. Friends appear to be generally careful to conform to discipline in the management of their pecuniary affairs, with a few exceptions mentioned in three of the answers, in one of which it is stated that care has been taken.

9. The requisite care appears to have been taken in relation to records. All the accounts, except one, report more or less cases of removals without certificates; in most of which care has been taken.

10. A general care appears to prevail to deal with offenders, and to place judgment according to discipline, although a deficiency in seasonable dealing, in some cases, is acknowledged in five of the answers.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Fourth Day Morning, the 15th, Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives present, except four, two of whom have been excused from further attendance of this meeting, at their own request, and for sufficient reasons assigned.

It appearing by the answers to the second query, that there is in one or more of our subordinate meetings, a want of that love and unity so essential to the Christian church; and this Meeting being introduced into deep exercise on the subject, and concerned for the removal of the causes of this deficiency, as thus brought before us; we appoint the following Friends to propose to a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a committee to visit Meetings or individuals, as way may open for it, and to labor on behalf of this Meeting, in the meekness of wisdom, and in the ability that may be graciously afforded, to restore love and unity where they may be found to be wanting, viz: David Dudley, John Milton Earle, Stephen Jones,

Stephen A. Chase, William C. Jones, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Newell Wade and Alden Sampson.

In the Epistle from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Indiana the following proposal is contained, viz: "The state of our beloved Society throughout this continent has, at this time, claimed our serious consideration. We have been brought to mourn over the hedges that have been broken down, and the difficulty that exists in portions of our beloved Society; and a proposition has been laid before this Meeting, for the appointment of a Committee to unite with committees that may be appointed by other Yearly Meetings, to deliberate on, and settle in the authority of truth, all difficulties affecting the welfare of the Church, that may be referred to them by any of the Yearly Meetings, which do not with impair the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings, which was united with by this Meeting, and a committee appointed accordingly.

This subject claimed the deliberate and weighty consideration of this Meeting; and while we sympathize with our dear brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in the concern manifested by them; and while we are not insensible to the benefits that might result from the deliberations of a conference composed of committees from all the Yearly Meetings, on subjects relating to the welfare of our religious Society; it is our united judgment that way does not open, at the present time, for this Meeting to enter into such an appointment; and the Clerk is directed to append a copy of this minute to the Epistle to Friends of Indiana.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read; and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the several subjects that have claimed its attention, are approved by this Meeting; and the Friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, to act on our behalf on such subjects as are contemplated in the organization of that Meeting - to present the records of their proceedings to this Meeting, next year.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that Joseph Estes be appointed correspondent for Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in place of Oliver Earle, deceased. Address, Fall River, Mass.

Falmouth proposes the appointment of Oliver Pope, in place of Nathan Pope, deceased. Address, Windham, Me. And Fairfield proposes the appointment of William Hare in place of Elijah Pope, released at his own request on account of his bodily infirmities. Address, West Gardiner, Me. Which proposals are approved by this Meeting, and the friends are appointed accordingly.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time for holding it be changed from eleven to ten o'clock, A.M.; which is approved by this

Meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

Our friends, Samuel Boyd Tony, John D. Lang, Newell Wescoe, Stephen M. Chase and Samuel Bowne, are appointed to prepare suitable minutes for our friends from other Yearly Meetings, now in attendance at this Meeting, and present them to our next sitting.

The committee on education presented the following report, which is very acceptable and satisfactory to us; and the Friends now under appointment, are continued another year, and encouraged to attend, as heretofore, to the concern of this Yearly Meeting, in relation to the very interesting subject of promoting an education, literary and religious consistent with our well known principles; and they are particularly requested to endeavor to promote the further establishment of First Day schools for the benefit of our own children and others not connected with our Society — especially those who may not be provided for by other schools of a similar character.

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee on education report that, from the answers received to circulars forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, the following statistical information has been compiled, which is believed to be very nearly correct, as far as it extends:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 4 and 16 years	926
" between 16 and 21 years	492
" of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
" of Preparative Meeting Schools	2
" of Family Schools	4
" of children attending schools taught by Friends, or wholly under their control,	150
" of " attending mixed or promiscuous schools,	1031
" of " taught by Friends in mixed schools,	235
" of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught School the past year	108
" of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends	10
" of First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends	27
Average continuance of these schools about 6 months.	
Number of children attending the same	621
" of Friends' children attending the same	399

While, from the circumstances of the case in connection with the situation of our members in many of their scattered locations, it will continue to be difficult to provide for the education of our children in select schools, we are, we think, warranted in believing, that a deep interest is felt by many amongst us in the important subject, and this interest for the guarded literary instruction of our youth, is we apprehend, steadily, but surely increasing. Our meetings, held upon this island, in a free interchange of sentiment upon the subject of our appointment, are exactly attended, and are, we doubt not, productive of good.

Although the number of children reported as in the attendance of schools wholly under our control, is still small, it will be observed that the proportion is greater than last year.

Appended to the account of Wapsalonoo Monthly Meeting, is a report of "Oak Grove Seminary," which continues, we are informed, in successful operation, under the charge of Albert K. Smiley, as Principal, aided by a male and female assistant. The average attendance of pupils at this school has been 70, of whom about one-half were members of our Society. In this Institution, instruction is given in the common English and most of the higher English branches, in mathematics, and the Latin and Greek languages; and examinations, which have been attended by a number of the committee on education in the neighborhood, are reported as highly satisfactory.

An interesting feature in the returns now presented, is exhibited in the very considerable number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year, while the number of our Youth, who are under their tuition, forms no inconsiderable proportion of the whole. We would encourage these instructors to diligence and faithfulness in the arduous and responsible profession which they have chosen, not only in imparting a literary education to those under their control, but in a watchful care over their own spirits, and an earnest desire that they may be instrumental in training their tender charge to a life of morality and virtue.

Five additional First Day Schools are reported this year; and the returns inform that two more schools of this kind are about being established.

Although a number of Friends' children are reported as receiving the benefits of Scriptural instruction at home, we have reason to believe, that in several neighborhoods, First Day Schools might be established and maintained with great benefit; as some in the Southern Meetings still report no school of this character within their limits. We are feelingly desirous that Friends, throughout our borders, should be alive to the great importance of instructing their children in a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, embracing the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion.

To the committee, Henry I. Wood, Clerk.

Newport, 6th month, 15th, 1859."

[Committee. - George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Charles H. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel H. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., William Chace, Josiah L. Challis, Thomas Mason, Thomas M. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Newell Coggeshall, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac K. Potter, Isaac M. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry I. Wood, William R. Taber, Matthew Barney, Christopher C. Hussey, Rufus Norton, John M. Jones, Stephen Swift, Joseph Eastland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Eastland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel C. Cotton, Timothy R. Earle, Albert S. Payson, Wm. R. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred M. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph C. Cole, William Taber, Joseph M. Hatt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Dowd, Lewis Isaac, Wm. H. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benjamin G. Shepherd.

Elizabeth S. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Raymond, Mary Ann Sipson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anna A. Chase, Mary J. Cove, Cynthia M. Huntington, Sabina H. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Chace, Alice Slade, Christina Macy, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Beam, Eunice S. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia H. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Tilpha S. Shepherd.]

The committee of this Meeting on our concern for the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, made the following report, viz.:

"To New England Yearly Meeting.

The committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, report, that they have given some attention to the objects of their appointment during the past year and from information obtained, have the satisfaction of informing that a gradual advance in domestic comforts, husbanding and school learning, is going forward among them. At the season of the year, when a visit from the committee appeared likely to be most useful to them,

circumstances beyond our control prevented any of the committee from visiting them; so that we are unable, at this time, to give a very definite relation of their affairs. We would, however, recommend to the Yearly Meeting, to continue its care towards them, through a committee.

On behalf of the Committee, Stephen Jones,
John Meader.

[Committee. — John L. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, David Taber, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

This repat, together with verbal communications from members of the committee, was very interesting to us; and we are encouraged to believe that the care extended by this Meeting towards this interesting class of our fellow men, now continued for many years, has been productive of good. This Meeting still feels a lively concern for them; and the Friends now under appointment, (with the exception of our friend Asa Jones, deceased,) are continued as a Committee of this Meeting, to give such attention to this interesting engagement as way may open for, and repat to this Meeting next year.

The committee on the concern of this Meeting, for the Indians located west of the Mississippi, made the following repat, viz.:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

The committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting, on behalf of the Indians, west of the Mississippi, have cherished the hope that way might open for Friends here to lend a helping hand in doing them good, particularly through the agency of Friends of the Yearly Meetings near these interesting people, in promoting among them, education, and the blessings of civilized life, and in encouraging the government so to respect their rights, as best to promote these objects. Perhaps the time may come, when we may be more in the way of being useful to these people. While we desire that their welfare may be cherished by Friends here, we submit whether it may not be best to leave it there, and release the committee.

For the Committee,

Stephen H. Howe,
John D. Lang."

Newport, 4 mo., 15, 1859.

— which is accepted, and the Committee released from further service, at the present time, still desiring that Friends may continue to cultivate an interest in these, the remnants of the aborigines of our country; and that no opportunity may be omitted to do them good, when way may open for it.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes have attended to their appointment; have examined and settled the account, and find a balance due the Treasurer of eleven hundred and twenty-one dollars, and twenty-four cents, ($1,121 24) for purpose the sum of twelve hundred dollars, ($1,200) to be raised, and David Buffum, for

Treasurer.

For the Committee,

Gideon C. Smith.

Newport, 6mo., 14th, 1859.

which is accepted, and our several Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of twelve hundred dollars, and forward the same to our friend, David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Testimonies of Sarth Kingston Monthly Meeting, united with by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends, Mary M. Robinson and Mary Collins, were received and read, and being approved it was directed that they be recorded. These testimonies in relation to our beloved, ancient friends, have brought them sweetly to our remembrance, as mothers in Israel, and Elders, worthy of double honor.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth Day Afternoon, 6th mo., 16th, the meeting again convened according to adjournment. The Representatives present as yesterday.

The committee appointed to procure the names of Friends, to constitute a Committee on the part of this Meeting, to labor in gospel love, for the promotion of love and unity within our limits, present the following, which are approved; and they are accordingly appointed to that service, and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz.: David Dudley, Samuel Boyd Jones, Stephen A. Chase, David Buffum, Stephen Jones and John Meader.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of 3,500 copies of the London General Epistle, report, that the service has been attended to; and that the Epistles are placed in the hands of the Representatives to this Meeting.

A Testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, united with by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Hannah T. Taber; and one from China Monthly Meeting, united with by Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friend, Rachel W. Jones, were read and approved, and directed to be recorded. These testimonies have brought the dear friends to whom they relate, very preciously before us; and while we feel that the Church militant has been deprived of the services of faithful servants in the cause of Christ, we doubt not they have been transplanted to the Church triumphant, to receive the welcome that awaits the righteous.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following certificates for our friends, Robert Lindsey and Sarah Lindsey.

To Brighouse Monthly Meeting - York Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London:

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Robert Lindsey attended this Yearly

Meeting, and presented satisfactory certificates from your several meetings respective of unity with him as a Minister of Christ, and in his present religious engagement.

"His company and religious services of this dear brother have been very acceptable to us - and in view of the further extensive labors in the Gospel which is still before him in a distant land, we have been brought into tender sympathy with him, and fervent are our desires that he may continue to witness the good Shepherd to be very near to protect, to guide and comfort him - and that, if consistent with the divine will, when the work abroad shall have been fully accomplished, he may be restored to his home, and to you, in the enjoyment of peace."

"To Brighouse Monthly Meeting - York Quarterly Meeting, and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London:

Dear friends,

Our beloved friend Sarah Lindsey, who accompanies her husband Robert Lindsey in his religious engagements in this land, has attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from your respective Meetings, expressive of unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel and in the present service in which she is engaged.

Her company and labors of love have been very acceptable to us, and in parting with our dear sister, we fervently commend her to the preserving care of the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel, desiring that if consistent with the divine will, she, with her dear husband, after having faithfully discharged the Gospel service required of them in a distant land, may be restored in safety and peace to her family and friends."

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend Thomas Frazier, and similar ones for our friends Joel Bean and Mary J. Meader, viz.:

"Our beloved friend, Thomas Frazier, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have acceptable to us.

The Clerk is also directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend, John W. Bond:

"Our beloved friend, John W. Bond, attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

We have received from our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, the following information respecting correspondents:

"Stanford Quarterly Meeting.

Stanford Monthly Meeting: Abiah Palmer, in place of Abner Dever, deceased. Address, Stanfordville P.O. Dutchess Co., N.Y.

Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting.

Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting: Rufus Hazard, in place of John Knowles released at his request. Address, North Ferrisburgh, Addison Co. Vt.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting.

Rochester Monthly Meeting: Silas Cornell, in place of Jos. Bowerman, deceased. Address, Rochester, Monroe Co., N.Y.

Adrian Quarterly Meeting.

Adrian Monthly Meeting: Samuel Satterthwaite, in place of Nathan Chase, deceased. Address, Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., Mich.

Westlake Quarterly Meeting.

Kingston Monthly Meeting: Jonathan P. Ward, in place of Jonathan Ferris, deceased. Address, Kingston, C.W.

The committee on correspondence, presented essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina Ohio, Indiana and Western, which are approved; and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause to be printed three thousand copies of these tracts from the minutes of this Meeting, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

And now being about to separate, to return to our respective homes, we feel bound to record our acknowledgment of the mercies that have been vouchsafed to us; and desiring that a grateful sense thereof may abide upon our hearts, this Meeting concludes — proposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

Epistles

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Rhode Island from the 12th to the 16th inclusive of the Sixth Month, 1859, To other Yearly Meetings of Friends; —

To the Yearly Meeting of London.

Dear Friends,

In a measure, as we trust, of the love of the Gospel of Christ, we salute you as brethren beloved and acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle of the present year which has been read in our meeting to our comfort and encouragement. We have desired to realize the full meaning of the saying of our adorable Savior that "one is your Master even Christ; and all ye are brethren". What brotherhood can be nearer or more precious than that, which springing from the great truth that He the Great Head, is graciously disposed to receive us as his disciples, acknowledging that He died for us, even that he might redeem us from our sins and purify us unto himself, so that, indeed, we may become his "through

sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth?

The Gospel of our Lord and Saviour is a message of unutterable love and mercy to a lost and fallen world, bringing life and immortality to light - preaching propitiation and pardon for sins that are past, and the renewal of the whole man by grace into favour with God. On this subject Paul thus writes to the church at Corinth: "Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." This state may not be obtained but after much conflict, and passing repeatedly under the baptismal power of the Holy Ghost and of fire, but surely, as we have believed, all who are in this way under the preparing hand of the Bishop of Souls, are drawn together in feeling by a new, and before unexperienced bond, as brethren for whom Christ died. May not all such greet one another, as the subjects of one kingdom, members of one body, of whom Christ Jesus is the everliving head?

Our meeting, at this time, has been as fully attended as on former occasions, and we have been graciously permitted to experience, from time to time, a precious evidence that the Lord still condescends to regard us, and has given us to feel a calming and comforting sense of His love, preserving us in harmony, and enabling us to transact the weighty affairs of the Church, we trust, according to the mind of truth.

Many of our younger members have been with us, and we hope their minds have been drawn nearer to the Saviour, and been strengthened to come boldly to the Throne of grace, and there seek, in brokenness of heart, an interest in his pardoning blood. May such as these forever on to know the Lord, not only as a Saviour from their sins, but as a preserver through the Holy Spirit from the allurements and defilements of the world. And thus may they be prepared to fill the places of their elder brethren in the Church, who have already gone to their reward, or are now fast passing away.

We tenderly sympathize with you in your feelings of sorrow and concern on account of the war which has broken out on the continent of Europe. How lamentable the thought that the principles of the Gospel which breathes peace on earth and good will to men, should have so feeble a hold upon the rulers and people of the nations, who accrediting that Gospel, allow their armies to go forth to slay each other! May we not be thankful, dear friends, that in the ordering of Divine Providence, our religious Society has a testimony to bear against all wars and fightings? "Every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood." But we have been taught that as true disciples of the Lord we can have no part in such things.

May the Lord, in his mercy, preserve our minds in calm and holy dependence upon Him, relying upon his gracious promise: "I am with

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keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"; whilst we may be faithful to every duty which may be required at our hands, in promoting the spread of his venerable king dom in the earth.

We have the acceptable company in our meeting at this time of our beloved friends Robert Lindsey and his wife Sarah Lindsey from your county.

Finally, brethren, farewell; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Jobey - Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear friends, Your acceptable epistle of 4th month last was received at this time, together with similar testimonials of brotherly love from other Yearly Meetings, in the reading of which, you have been brought very near to us in Gospel fellowship, and desires have been raised that we may become more and more each other's helpers and joy in the Lord.

Our present meeting is well attended, and we have gratefully to acknowledge that notwithstanding our many weaknesses and shortcomings, the blessed Head of the Church has condescended to be near, and to overshadow us with his presence, knitting and cementing our hearts together, and affording renewed evidence that he is yet disposed to do us good; and under this precious influence we have been favoured to transact the affairs of the Church in harmony and love.

The past and the preceding year has been a time in which the visitations of divine grace have been extended to the inhabitants of this and other lands, in an eminent degree; under the influence of which many have been induced to lay hold of the blessed promises of the Gospel. Many have been brought to the feet of Jesus; and the prayer of our hearts is, that our section of the Church, whether in this land, or in foreign lands, may be partakers of the blessings intended by these seasons of refreshing and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We can unite with you in the declaration that "desires have been felt that our members should seek for ability, rightly to discharge the duty laid upon them, seeing that we all have a measure of watchfulness to fix." And in this season of awakening, we tenderly crave that through watchfulness and prayer, we may be favored so to walk, that in our intercourse with others, in our lives and conversation, we may be instrumental in winning souls to Christ.

One distinguishing feature of the Gospel is, that its precepts remain ever

the same. And in addressing you, at this time, we are thankful in feeling that we have no new doctrines to set forth. We believe that it is only through repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that we can witness that change of heart, without which we cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. And how comforting is the reflection to the sin-sick soul, that as we come unto Him who was declared to be the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, he will wash us from our iniquities, and qualify us through the sanctifying operations of his Spirit, for filling those stations in the militant Church which he intends we should occupy. It was through the influences of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts, that our worthy predecessors in the truth were led into the maintenance of the various christian testimonies which they bore before the world, and were qualified to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; and we earnestly desire that we may all be encaged to follow their example that the principles and testimonies so dear to them, may be faithfully supported by us, and we be favored so to walk, that in the end, we may obtain an inheritance among the sanctified and redeemed.

We are glad to hear by your epistle that the schools under the care of Friends in your land are giving evidence of increased usefulness. The guarded education of the young and rising generation is a subject which has long been dear to our hearts. Our Boarding School Committee have made a favorable report, from which it appears that the Institution is in a prosperous condition, and continues as we thankfully believe to answer in a good measure the intention of Friends in its establishment.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To New York:

Dear friends,

We can with much satisfaction acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable epistle of last month, which, with other testimonials of the like character from our united brotherhood of Yearly Meetings, was read in our meeting to our comfort and encouragement.

Through the extendings of divine favour, as unworthy as we feel ourselves to be, we have been mercifully permitted, at this time, to know the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness to be spread over us, humbling and contriting our hearts before Him the great Master of our assemblies, filling them with love and gratitude to Him for his many blessings, and exciting to greater diligence to run

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in the ways of his requirings. In the ability vouchsafed, much salutary advice and caution have been given forth, and we trust, that the seed has not all fallen upon stoney ground, but that some of it, at least, will spring up and bear fruit to the Praise of the Lord of the harvest, and to the sustenance and growth of the Church.

The state of Society, as presented to us by the reports of our subordinate meetings, has been cause of concern to many exercised minds, evincing as they do that deficiences continue to exist among us, and that it is to be feared the love of the world, has, in too many instances, produced lukewarmness and indifference to the great duty of rendering unto our God the homage due to his name, and of testifying our gratitude and love for the many mercies received at his hands, by assembling ourselves with our friends to worship before Him. This delinquency in worship may perhaps be traced in some cases to the mistaken thought that the care and pressure of a business life make it almost impossible to leave our outward concerns in the middle of the week, but we should remember that our fathers trusted in him - they trusted and were not confounded. May we not confidingly believe that the same humble trust in his providence, and in the guidance of his Holy Spirit, would, as we endeavor implicitly to obey its dictates, be blessed to us also? We were also reminded of the instances in the early history of our Society, in which our meetings were sustained by the dear children alone, when their Parents were forcibly detained from them; and we were encouraged to greater carefulness in bringing our children with us on these occasions, not doubting but that their profiting would appear by so doing.

The preservation of love and unity among us as becomes brethren was felt to be very precious, and Friends were earnestly exhorted to put away all occasions of offence. The declaration of our blessed Lord, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," was feelingly adverted to, and the example of his immediate followers in this particular, as well as that of our early Friends, was held up for our imitation.

The report received from our Boarding School Committee presents a very favorable condition of that establishment, and we are gratified with the appearance that it is producing a decidedly beneficial effect on the rising generation, and we are thankful that the long continued labors of Friends have met with a result so satisfactory.

In conclusion, we would unite with you in the expression that in the exercise of all the gifts and callings we might seek for renewed qualification to perform faithfully whatever may be required at our hands - looking unto Him from whom all true ability is derived, and to whom all the honour is due; and may we with thankful hearts, ascribe unto

Him, with his dear Son our Lord and Saviour, through the Spirit, all the glory.

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear friends,

Again assembled in our Yearly Meeting, we have been favored to feel that it is good for us to be here. In the assemblies of his people, the good Master is pleased, at times, to make himself known; and when met in his name, which is his power, he has graciously promised his disciples, to be with them, even, with the two or three. The true believer is often comforted on such occasions, as well as in his more private retirement before the Lord, by being permitted like Mary of old, to sit at his feet and hear the gracious words which proceed out of his mouth.

Prayer is the privilege and the duty of the Christian; and to pour out his soul before the Lord, under the influence of the drawing of the Father, remains to be a great source of strength to the believer to come unto Christ. "No man can come to me," said our adorable Saviour, "except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him." Shall we not, then, dear friends, seek those precious influences of the Holy Spirit, by which we are drawn unto Christ, and made to partake of that strength, and those abounding consolations which are in Him?

He is indeed the Lord our righteousness, - Our own righteousness is as filthy rags. How much then do we stand in need of being often divested from our sufficiency, that we may truly feel that our sufficiency is of Him, that in his strength alone we can follow on to know Him, deeming that eternal life, which is the blessed result of such divine knowledge! He is indeed the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. The following was the language of the apostle to the Hebrews, comparing it to the law which came by Moses, and describing it in this consoling manner, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds I will write them." These precious promises, are the promises of the Gospel, and they are graciously fulfilled in Christ Jesus - who is our High Priest, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord hath pitched and not man. Let us, dear friends, seek to know Him, and the power of his resurrection, that we may be enabled to serve Him in newness of life.

Your acceptable Epistle, with those received from other Yearly Meetings,

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has comforted us in the belief that there yet remains among Friends a comfortable evidence of unity and love, and that however widely separated and varied in their allotments, all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity are of his one flock and family - "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." We can acknowledge with you that this interchange of brotherly feeling by way of epistles, has, under the influence of christian sympathy and love, a strengthening and cementing character.

We learn with interest from your epistles that the concern of your Meeting in behalf of some of the aboriginal tribes in our land continues unabated. We much desire your encouragement in your labors of love for their welfare. We continue to extend care towards the remnants of some tribes within our borders, and the report of our committee, at this time, has been interesting and encouraging.

Our Boarding School Committee and Committee on Education have presented interesting reports on the important subjects confided to them. The right training and education of our beloved youth continue to be regarded by us as of special importance, having a vital connection with their best interests as individuals, and with the welfare of our religious Society.

We have, at this time, from abroad, the acceptable company of a number of beloved brethren whose Gospel labors have been comforting and confirming to us.

Our hearts have turned with feelings of affectionate sympathy towards those among us, who, in the evening of life and under the pressure of bodily infirmity, are still endeavoring to maintain with faithfulness the standard of Truth; and earnest have been our desires that this class, both with you and us, may be animated still to persevere in the heavenly race, holding fast their confidence and rejoicing in hope firm unto the end.

We contemplate with painful forebodings the threatening aspect of national affairs in Europe, and deplore the existence of war. To a mind in any degree imbued with the benign principles of the Gospel of Peace, the appearance of this desolating scourge is cause of lamentation. May He who disposes the hearts of his people, so turn the minds of those engaged in war, as to hasten the day when swords shall be turned into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, and nation shall not lift up sword against nation nor learn war any more.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and give you richly to enjoy the consolations of the gospel through Jesus Christ, - farewell!

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Jr. Clerk

To North Carolina:

Dear friends,

We are again permitted to assemble as a Yearly Meeting, to discharge the duties devolving on us as a Section of the militant Church, and earnest have been our desires, not only for ourselves, but for our brethren everywhere, that grace, mercy, and peace, may be experienced through Him who is our glorified Head.

We received your acceptable epistle of the 11th month last, and our hearts were cheered by this renewed token of your brotherly interest, and we believe with you that these interchanges are calculated to strengthen and bind us together. May they ever continue to produce these blessed results.

Having been made renewedly sensible that of ourselves we can do nothing, we have been led to ask that we may receive; and we have gratefully to acknowledge, that to the broken and contrite hearted, He is good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy.

We note with peculiar satisfaction your allusion to the interest manifested by many of your junior members for the paramount claims of religion. We, too, have been made thankful for the evidences, as we trust, of the work of divine grace in the hearts of not a few of this class among us. May all such, wherever situated, be willing to learn in the School of Christ to think little of themselves, but of their Redeemer, as all in all; and yielding entirely to the operations of that faith which works by Love, find in Him, pardon, preservation and peace.

And, dear friends, we feel an affectionate interest for all ages and every class among you. We know that in every place, trials and afflictions abound, and we have continued evidences that this is a probationary scene, that there is need for us constantly to watch and pray to be preserved from temptation, yet the promise of our dear Lord to his disciples is very precious: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world". Therefore, in brotherly sympathy, feeling a humbling sense of our own needs, yet called to believe in His sufficiency, we can encourage you to be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord".

With all the difficulties that surround you and us, may we remember that He, who appointed our lots, can sustain us in them, that He can bless a little one, and work by many, or by few, to promote his glory and advance his Kingdom of truth, righteousness and peace. It is an ancient, but encouraging prophecy concerning Him, who is Head over all things to his Church, that "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law".

We sincerely rejoice with you that your Yearning Society continues to do much good. We have the same cause of thankfulness in reference to ours, and we can but believe, that, with the divine blessing, these Institutions will continue to be instrumental in promoting things that are pure, lovely, and of good report.

We bid you, affectionately, farewell, and remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Ohio:

Dear friends,

Under a humbling sense of the goodness and mercy of the Lord we would commemorate his continued favor in enabling us once more to meet together and hold our annual Assembly, which is as large as usual, and, we trust, owned by the gracious regard of Him, without whom no religious act can be acceptably performed. Under a lively sense of the necessity of waiting for divine help, and some experience of its being mercifully granted, the important concerns, claiming our attention, have been disposed of, in much harmony and brotherly love.

We received your acceptable epistle of last year, and similar testimonies of brotherly love, from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; the reading of which was very interesting and encouraging to us - strengthening the bonds of Christian love and fellowship. May nothing ever be permitted to interrupt this blessed christian practice, instituted, as we believe, under the influence of Truth. We can affectionately salute you in the bond of religious fellowship as brethren who profess the blessed truth, wherever scattered in your several allotments, and wish you health and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We apprehend that many of our beloved friends left their homes to come to this Meeting under peculiar discouragements and a sense of their inability for usefulness in the gospel cause, but their lot having been cast as into a field of reapers, they have been favored, we trust, to gather of the gleanings of the harvest.

We have been reminded in this Meeting of such of our friends as are in lonely situations, and few in number. It may be the condition of some among you. Such, wherever they may be, with you, or with us, we desire may be encouraged not to neglect their little meetings; and may all strive earnestly to comply with the apostolic injunction: "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service"

Let us be willing to wait upon the Lord, in whose presence there is life,

and to have our expectations from Him alone, considering that his tender compassion is not only to the multitude, but is promised even to the two or three gathered in his name. May this be an encouragement to all to persevere in the practice of assembling for the worship of God, as we often feel poor, weak, and in need of wisdom to strengthen us in the performance of our several duties. Whether as parents, or heads of families, or children, let us in lowliness of spirit and humble faith, ask of God, "That giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not," and a blessing will be given us.

If we are renewed by the power of the Son of God, we shall not be idle spectators in the world, and however our circumstances and allotments may be, we shall feel the need of occupying the talents with which we are intrusted, and each will see he has duties and important ones to perform in this state of existence, for the neglect of which, no excuse will avail in the trying hour when called upon to render the account of his stewardship to the judge of all. How important, then, it is for all to work while it is day, and strive to be of that number, who, having experienced an increase of the heavenly treasure, were made rulers over more, and invited to enter into the joy of their Lord.

A few years since, many venerable fathers occupied seats in our assembly, who are now no more, whose pious care for the well ordering of the affairs of the Church, and whose christian example encouraged those of younger years to follow them as they followed Christ. Now, the labours fall on us who remain, and how deeply do we feel our insufficiency for the work of the day, and the responsibility resting upon us. The language is forcibly felt "Who is sufficient for these things?" Those upon whom the burden now rests, are often solemnly reminded that they too, must soon pass away, and the responsibilities devolve upon those, now in the younger walks of life, but we are comforted in believing that a goodly number of this class, now present, are giving evidence that the work of divine grace is going on in their hearts, and preparing them for usefulness in the Church. May the Lord hasten the work in the desire of many hearts.

Finally, brethren, farewell! May God supply all our and your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd & Abby Coleth

To Indiana:

Dear friends,

Being again permitted to meet in this our Annual Assembly, we can gratefully acknowledge that our minds have been solemnised, and

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the desire of our hearts has been unto the Father in all our supplications, that He would grant that we may still and know that Jesus is God.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of last year, the reading of which, together with similar tokens of brotherly love from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has animated our hearts in the assurance, that although widely separated from each other, we have access through adorable mercy to the one availing source of help. May we individually experience the washing of regeneration, in order that we may increasingly realize that we have part in our holy Redeemer, who testified to one of his immediate disciples, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part in me."

Whilst engaged in reading the Queries and Answers we were reminded that deficiences still exist amongst us, on account of which concerned brethren have been enabled to impart counsel and encouragement. May their labours of love, through watchfulness and obedience to manifested duty, tend to strengthen the things that remain.

Our Committee on Education have made an interesting and encouraging report. We have also received a satisfactory report from the Committee having charge of our Boarding School, affording the animating conclusion that this School continues to be productive of good to the youth of our Society.

The fellowship, which, in great mercy, it is permitted to the believers in Jesus to witness, springing as it does from their crucified Head, has been felt by us to be exceeding precious; and our beloved friends have been brought very near to us in the bonds of the gospel, and, in these bonds, we can salute you as tellow beloved fellow [illegible] in the promotion of the same blessed cause. We have desired that both you and we may be strengthened to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. For having an High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, how much have we to animate us in the Christian course. Looking unto Jesus, therefore, the author and finisher of our faith, and laying hold of the hope set before us in his blessed Gospel, let us hold on our way, faithfully maintaining the warfare, knowing of a truth that we shall reap if we faint not. We salute you in love, and desire that grace, mercy, and peace, may abound among you.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Bowly Tobey - Clerk

To Western:

Dear friends,

In coming together at this time for the great and weighty concerns of the Church, whilst we have deeply felt our own insufficiency, we have again been permitted gratefully to acknowledge the Lord's blessed presence, affording us help, in which we have been enabled to dispose of the

concerns of Society which have come before us, in much Christian harmony.

Epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond all make mention of the same divine favor. And it is with gratitude to God that we notice in your Epistle the acknowledgement, that, in your position in the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings, our Almighty Saviour condescended to shed forth in your midst the light of his Holy Spirit. "May the gift of this grace be with you, together with his mercy, and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Towards you, beloved brethren, in your new and extended relationship, moving along with the multiplied cares of the Church upon you, our sympathies are turned; and we reverently solicit for you, as for ourselves, that near abidence in the Divine counsel, which shall afford ability to serve for the glory of our gracious Master, and for the promotion of his cause. In the christian relationship which we hold toward each other and the obligations thence resting upon us, it is our high privilege to believe that there are gifts and graces given for the fulfilment of all. But whatever be our natural talents, or our endowments, these must all pass through the fire upon the Lords altar, ere they can be made serviceable in his cause or promotive of our good.

In the early age of the Church the prominency given to the guidance of the ever blessed Spirit sets forth the way of Truth in its simplicity and in its great beauty — "It seemeth good unto the Holy Ghost, and unto us" — to the Church it seemed good, because it was the guide of the Spirit. If we receive into our hearts the Spirit thus graciously vouchsafed, is there any fear for the soundness of our faith? especially when the assurance of our blessed Redeemer is given, which in substance, is as follows — he shall be in you a spirit of truth, he shall lead you into all Truth; he shall bring to your remembrance all things which I have spoken unto you — he shall bear witness of me, as our Law giver and King to rule us, as our Shepherd to lead us; as our great High Priest who offered up himself once for all for us, and as the Lamb of God that taketh away (the sin of the world) he is proclaimed by the Spirit, and is known and owned by all in whose hearts the sanctification of the Spirit is wrought.

Our Meeting this year has been well attended, and has been a season of comfort to us. Many of our younger friends now with us evince an increasing concern for the paramount claims of religion. And may these beloved young friends, both here and in your far more numerous ranks, through the constraining love of our Saviour, give themselves more completely into His hands, in full confidence believing that He is mighty to save, and strong to deliver all who trust in Him. In the course of Divine Providence there must shortly rest upon them the responsibilities of the Church; and for this end, it is with comfort we believe our merciful Lord is inclining them nearer to Himself, to clothe them with the whole armour needful

for them in these Places just becoming vacant, that they may serve him there, and, in the end, receive their exceeding great reward.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 10th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning the 11th of sixth month, 1860.

By the Report received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island- David Buffum, Moses H. Beede, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas S. Gifford, Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, Timothy C. Collins, George Anthony, Gilbert Congdon and Abner Slade.

From Salem- Edward Gove, Micajah C Pratt, Enoch Page Daniel Beede, John Page, and Nathan Boyd.

From Sandwich- Charles R Tucker, David K Atkin, George Almy, Thomas Macy, James West, Sewell Hoxie, John W Gifford and Matthew Haviland.

From Falmouth- Nathan Douglas, Joshua Douglas, Henry M. Elliott, and Abraham Winslow.

From Smithfield- John Milton Earle, Thomas Grover, Paul Wing, John Osborne, and Isaac Steere.

From Vassalboro'- John D Lang, Caleb Nichols, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, James Van Blarcum, William Taber, Jacob H Vining and Aaron Buffum.

From Dover- Jesse Robert, John Estes, Stephen Jenkins, of Elliot, Benajah Buffum and Isaiah Joyce.

From Fairfield- Charles A Coffin, Elijah Pope, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Page, Jacob B Robbins and Levi Jones-

whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Thomas Frazier, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Lindley M Hoag, of Rockyleaven Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Jeremiah A Gurnell, of Greenfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Samuel Lloyd,

of Short Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio; Joseph Haviland, of New Garden Monthly Meeting New York; Huldah Atwater, of Hartland Monthly Meeting, New York; Naomi Coffin, of White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Edith Griffeth of Redstone Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania; Mary B Pinkham, of Salem Monthly Meeting, Ohio; Julia Ann McCool, of Westland Monthly Meeting, Iowa; and Hannah S. Fry of Marlborough Monthly Meeting, New York; Certificates from their several meetings, expressing unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements, now presented and read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends, Elijah Coffin; Asa Williams, companion to our friend Samuel Lloyd, Lydia A Macomber, companion to our friend Huldah Atwater Thomas W McCool, accompanying his wife, our friend Julia Ann McCool; Eli Haines and Lydia H. Stanley, accompanying our friend Edith Griffeth, and John C Hill, of Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio; who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as Elders, and with their present engagements.

We have likewise the acceptable company of our beloved friends, William E Morris, companion to our friend Jeremiah A Cinnell; Lindley M. and Mary M. Innis, accompanying our friend Hannah S Fry, and Thomas E Pinkham, accompanying his Mother, our friend Mary B Pinkham; and satisfactory minutes from their Monthly Meetings, now received, expressive of unity with them, as members of our religious Society, and with their present engagements.

The General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London in 1859, was read at this time in this meeting, and is truly acceptable. and believing that the solid advice and suggestions contained therein are worthy of our individual attention, we appoint our friends Samuel Bryce and Matthew Hoyland to attend

1860. to the reprint of 350 copies and place them in the hands of the Representatives to this meeting, who are requested to convey them to our Quarterly Meetings, to be read therein, and also in the several Monthly Meetings, and then distributed to the families of Friends, to whose careful consideration we affectionately commend its instructive contents.

Epistles addressed to this meeting by our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana and Western, have been received at this time, and read with much interest.

These salutations of love are sweet and strengthening to us; and we appoint the following friends to prepare, as way opens for it, essays of communications to these several meetings, and present them to a future sitting. They are desired also to prepare communications to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York and Ohio, from whom Epistles have not yet reached our hands, viz:- John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Bird Tobey, William C. Taber, Gilbert Congdon, Alfred H Jones, Charles D Coffin, Christopher C. Hussey, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Jones, Edmund Cate, Eli Jones, Nevell Hoxie, John Page, Thomas S Gifford, David K. Akin, Moses H. Beede, John Milton Earle, Henry M. Minott, David Buffum, James Van Blarcum, Isaac A. Gifford, William A Robinson, John Osborne, Nathan Douglas and Charles A Tucker.

By the accounts received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that they have all given the necessary attention to raising the stock, called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Hackney, Micajah C. Batt, Abraham Barker, Henry M Minott, Richard Bailey, William Taber, Hezekiah Bingy and Allen Thompson, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, propose a suitable sum for the use of this meeting for the current year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer.

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By the reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of George Anthony and Ruth Anthony to the station of Elders; and with Providence Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Joseph Eastland's and with South Kingston Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary D Collins to the same station; and that the following friends have deceased during the past year, viz:- Daniel Anthony, an Elder, and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, 5th month 14th 1859, aged 88 years, 5 months and 4 days. Edmond Chase an Elder, and member of Smithfield Monthly Meeting, 7th month 4th 1859 aged 72 years, 2 months and 23 days. Rowland Greene, a minister and member of Greenwich Monthly Meeting, 8th mo. 19th. 1859, aged 8[illegible] years, 8 months and 25 days, and Anne Anthony, an Elder and member of the same meeting 4th month 16th 1860 aged 88 years, 6 months and 4 days.

Salem gives us the information, that Abagail Nichols, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, departed this life 1st month 29th 1860. Aged 76 years.

Sandwich reports, that it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in approving the public ministry of Christopher C Hussey, and with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R Tucker, Jabez Wood, Eliza C Davis, and Anna G Wood, to the station of Elders, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jonathan Boyce and Rebecca A Gifford to the same station; and that the following friends have deceased since last year: Abby N Holway, an Elder and member of Sandwich Monthly Meeting 10th Month 11th 1859 aged 83 years, 4 months and 26 days. Grace Davis, an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting 10th month 28th 1859 aged 76 years, and Joseph Davis, a minister and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, 3d Month 14th 1860, aged 73 years.

Smithfield reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Albert E. Paxson.

Vassalboro' Quarterly Meeting informs that Daniel Taber an Elder and Member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, deceased 3d month 24th 1860, aged 63 years 2 months and 7 days.

Dover reports, that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Jacob K Purinton, to the station of Elder, and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Naomi P Hoag to the same station; and that Timothy Hanson an Elder and member of Dover Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th month 28th 1859, aged nearly 72 years.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon - met by adjournment.

John Osborne, on behalf of the representatives, informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Taber for clerk, and Charles R Tucker for assistant clerk, which nominations being approved they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this meeting, for the last year, were read at this time.

The Committee in charge of our Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to us - and much sympathy was felt and expressed for those who have acted in our behalf, in consequence of some cases of severe, and two of fatal, sickness in the institution, since the commencement of the present term, but which we thankfully trust may not extend further; and we appoint our friends, William C Taber, Joseph Metcalf, John D Lang, Benajah Buffum, Samuel Taylor, William A Robinson, Asa Wing, Isaiah Pope, and John Osborne, to propose to a future sitting, the names of friends to constitute a school committee for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee is as follows, viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report:

That for the Summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty-six females, and for the winter term one hundred and seventy-seven scholars; ninety seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions arising from ill-health or other cause, they attended through these terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term, John A. Powell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris, and Elma M. Dame, in the English branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaud in French and German, and Mary A. Potter, in Drawing. In the Winter term, in the English branches, the same teachers were employed, with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whitten. In Mathematics, Henry L. Pinkham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Clyde, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the First Month, we thought it right to place on our records the following Minute in relation thereto, viz:,

In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained, in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who determineth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

Educated in this Institution, going through with

the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher with the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford expecting to return here in a few days. But the will of Him who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was relieved from the pains and trials of mortality the 4th of First Month, 1860, aged about 23 years.

While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us, while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavement, we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house."

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The department of the scholars has been generally commendable and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school-house, on First day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been held in a manner according with their solemn purpose. They have been attended, with few exceptions by members of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part

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of the regular exercises of the school, with the purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the contents of these invaluable writings, and impressing their solemn truth upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the School, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited exhibit the following result for the last year:—

Charitable Fund.

Receipts from the income of the Fund, - -	$165.00
Due the Treasurer, at the time, - - -	92.50
	$257.50

Charges on the Fund,

Due the Treasurer, last year, - - - -	$ 97.50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each - - - - -	160.00
	$ 257.50

General Fund.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund,	$3844.84
From a subscription	50.00
	$3894.84

Payments.

Fire Insurance premium - - - - -	$ 165.00
Interest - - - - - - - - -	170.15
Repairs and additions on School premises	1541.63
To Joseph Cartland on contract	3000.00
	$4876.78
Leaving a deficiency of, - - - - -	$ 981.94

Which added to the indebtedness reported last year, of $2171.87, makes the present indebtedness - - - - - - - - $3153.81

The deficiency above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from $2000 to $3000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: $40. per term for members of our yearly Meeting: $80. for members of other yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and $10. for any other, payable in advance. That $5. additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Schools Committee

Stephen A Chase, Clerk"

Providence, fifth Month, 8th. 1860.

Regulations of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee, at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months, as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Yearly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th Month, and to

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specify whether they desire it during the ninth or succeeding Summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future, be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals

Address, Joseph Gartland
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

[Committee.- Samuel Byd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Wm. C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland, Jr. Samuel Austin, Charles R Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah H. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas H. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Sampson, Ann B. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.]

We appoint our friends, Joseph C. Tobey, Nathan Byd Jencks Wm. C. Wyatt, John Milton Earle, Joseph Estes, Benajah Buffum, and Joseph Taylor, to prepare a summary of the answers to the

queries, and present it at our next sitting.
Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, the 12th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives all present.

An acceptable epistle from our dear brethren of Newyork yearly Meeting, was received and read at this time, and is referred to the committee on correspondence.

The meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of our religious society, by reading the answers to the queries. The engagement was felt to be one of deep interest and was entered upon, we trust, with a covering of heavenly solemnity spread over us.

The answer to the first query - the all important enquiry as to our faithfulness in meeting together for the worship of our Father in Heaven - revealed, as in former years, an evidence of care on the part of some, and of carelessness on that of others, in relation to this high duty. A word of encouragement was fittingly offered to those who are engaged, not to forsake the assembling of themselves together for this purpose. They were called to remember the manner which they have received, from time to time, in witnessing the fulfilment of His promise, that He is in the midst of those who meet together in His name. They may feel their entire weakness, and be ready to exclaim, - "Oh! my leanness, my leanness!" yet they were tenderly reminded that the Lord alone is their strength; that unto Him we are to look, and that He can remember those, who, in childlike dependence, turn unto Him. Deeply were we exercised for those who willingly fail in the duty of meeting with their brethren, to wait upon the Lord; and fearful is the reflection, that those who neglect this duty can hardly look or put up their prayers with confidence unto Him for His blessing upon them. We were earnestly exhorted to remember how small is the measure required of any of us; how little we can do in the service of the Lord; how extended and abundant are the blessings He pours out upon us; and the query may well arise

in every heart.- I am led to neglect this simple duty of devoting a very small portion of the time which God gives me, in meeting with my brethren for his worship, and in thus acknowledging my allegiance unto Him who is King of kings? The unspeakable privilege of being permitted to approach directly to the Minister of ministers,- the ever adorable Teacher and Preserver of man, without the intervention of any human instrumentality, was feelingly dwelt upon, and all were encouraged to go directly unto Him for instruction, for comfort and for strength. Friends were exhorted to be faithful one unto another,- to encourage each other,- to take a brother by the hand, saying- Come, brother, let us go together into the house of the Lord; let us seek to worship the God of our fathers;- and we are assured in the belief that these faithful labors of love will not be in vain.

The answer to the second query reveals a want of love and unity to an extent, in one or more of the Quarterly Meetings, which has brought this meeting into deep exercise. "He that walk in the light, as he is in the light, have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth from all sin:" and when love is wanting, it is certain we are not dwelling in God. We believe that, if love filled our hearts, we should not estrange a brother from us, but engaged to labor to restore him from the error of his ways. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye, which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Friends were earnestly exhorted, to enter into close self-examination, and sincerely enquire whether there is any root of bitterness in their own hearts, and if it be found, there, to seek for help for on high for its removal. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Having read the answers to the first and second queries, the meeting adjourned to 4 o clock in the afternoon, and at the appointed time, again convened, and proceeded to read the remaining queries and answers.

The great importance of knowing the Holy Scriptures was feelingly adverted to, and friends were affectionately encouraged, in accordance with our ancient concern, to spend a little time every day, with their families collected, in reading a portion of the inspired volume, with hearts turned unto God, that he would please to grant the enlightening influence of His Spirit, that we may find their precious contents profitable unto us, even making us wise unto salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ. Our testimonies in regard to the several important matters referred to in the remaining queries, appear to be pretty well maintained.

The following is a summary of the answers received:-

Summary.

1- A few instances of omission in the attendance of small meetings, owing to stress of weather, sickness, and other causes, considered excusable, are reported in all the answers, except from one quarterly meeting, in which all the meetings have been attended. It appears that our First day meetings have been attended, generally, by the most of our members, except in one of the quarters, the report from which states that the afternoon meetings on that day are more neglected. Complaint is made, in all the answers except two, that our midweek meetings, both for worship and discipline, continue to be neglected by many of our members. The hour appears to have been nearly observed by most friends. A few cases of sleeping in meeting are reported in all the answers, but no other unbecoming behaviour, except a few instances which have occurred in one quarterly meeting. All the answers, except three, report some care taken in relation to these several deficiences.

2- Love and unity appear to be generally maintained among our members, with the exception of a few cases, reported in three quarterly meetings, in one of which it is stated, that these Christian virtues are much wanting in some of their members. Detraction is mostly guarded against; and care has been taken to end differences where they have appeared.

3- A good degree of care appears to rest on the minds of Friends, to bring up those under their direction in

plainness, as queried for, and to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. They are mostly good examples therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in Friends' families, a slight exception, however, being made in the answer relative to one meeting.
4- The use of spirituous liquors is reported, in five of the answers, to be confined to medicinal purposes; in another a single exception is made; and two of the reports state that Friends are generally careful in this respect. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort appear to have been avoided, except in a few instances reported in two of the accounts. Moderation and temperance appear to be generally observed, on account of births, marriages and burials, and on other occasions.
5- The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and their necessities relieved; their children freely partake of learning, to fit them for business; and no children appear to have been placed out from among Friends.
6- Parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, appear to be generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline. The specific exceptions made thereto, are two cases in one monthly meeting, of a character not defined; in another answer, four cases of keeping company out of society, on account of marriage, and one case of marriage out of the society, which is under notice; and, in still another, one case of keeping company on account of marriage, and five instances of marrying contrary to the order of Friends; three of which are under notice.
7- Our testimonies are reported, in all the answers save two, to have been maintained in relation to the several particulars named in the seventh query. In one of those two it is stated that one member has contributed towards the payment of a minister's salary; and, in the other, that there are one or two instances of contributing to the support of other religious denominations, in which case has been taken; and one instance of a few young Friends attending a military parade.
8- Friends appear to be generally careful to inspect their

affairs, and settle their accounts; to be punctual to their promise and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances; yet one or two exceptions are reported in one account, in relation to punctuality, in which case has been taken; and one other account expresses the opinion that more care in these respects should be practiced by some of their members.

9. Due care appears to be taken, in respect to records, with the exception of one quarterly meeting, in which it is stated that there is some deficiency. Nearly all the accounts report some removals without certificates, generally without specifying the number of cases.

10. A good degree of care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders, and to place judgment where it appears necessary, according to discipline; yet one meeting acknowledges a sense of weakness, and some delay in dealing with offenders.

The committee appointed yesterday, propose the following friends to constitute a school committee, who are approved by this meeting, and they are appointed to unite with a similar committee of the women's meeting, in the care and superintendence of our Boarding School, and requested to report to this meeting next year, viz:-
Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Jr, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, Jonas Howland, Jr, Samuel Austin, David Buffum, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chase, Charles A. Tucker and John D. Lang.

A Testimony of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late dear friend Howland Crane, was received and read; and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded. The reading of this Testimony has brought our honored and beloved friend very feelingly to our remembrance. We have long felt him to be a father in the Church. We miss him at this meeting, from his accustomed seat, and we earnestly crave that his enlightened precepts and the example of his long christian life may not have been in vain to us.

Under feelings of solemnity, and in tender love, we now adjourn to 10 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 13th. friends assembled according to adjournment. The Representatives all present.

The meeting for Sufferings is requested to cause to be printed for distribution, an edition of the Testimonies of deceased friends, which have been received by this meeting, since the last publication.

The Records of the Meeting for Sufferings, for the last year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved.

The minute prepared by that Meeting in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows:

"When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.

In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said Meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.

And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner.

as is required when the prospect extends to Europe or beyond sea."

The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and deepened qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work."

The following friends are appointed to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year to act on behalf of the Meeting, in relation to such subjects as, according to our Discipline, may properly claim the attention of that Meeting, viz:

John Osborne, David Buffum, Peleg Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Long, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber, of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Hoskens, Stephen Jones, David K. Allin, Stephen A. Chase, William Jaco, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Hubbard, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Alden Hampson, William A. Robinson, Stephen Reede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Batty, Ebenezer Inge, Henry A. Hewitt, Elisha Jones, of Birdsboro, John Page, Charles A. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Daniel Hoxie, David Kelly, Asa Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford, and Edward Earle.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report, which is accepted, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the amount called for ($1200) and forward the same to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, &c, report they have attended to their appointment and find a balance due the Treasurer, of nine hundred forty-one and $\frac{26}{100}$ dollars.

They are united in proposing that twelve hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting, and Daniel Buffum for Treasurer.

Thomas Robinson
For the Committee.

Newport, 6th mo, 11th, 1860."

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of assembling of its Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in the fifth month, be changed from 11 o'clock in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, and that the same Meeting convene in the 8th and 11th months, at 3 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock.

It also proposes that Perez Peck be appointed correspondent for Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in place of our late dear friend Portland Greene. Post office address, Anthony, Rhode Island.

Which propositions are united with.

Hunsdale Quarterly Meeting informs that the correspondent of St Albans Monthly Meeting has removed out of its limits, and proposes Daniel Shepherd in his place. Post Office address, St Albans, Maine, which is approved.

The Representatives from Wansboro' Quarterly Meeting, propose the appointment of Joseph K. Cole, as Correspondent of Wansboro Monthly Meeting, in the place of our friend Daniel Tabor, deceased, which is approved by us; Post Office address, Wansboro, Maine.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting, last year, to labor in Gospel love, for the removal of differences existing to some extent within our limits, presented the following report, which was acceptable to us, and desiring that Friends everywhere may be preserved in the love of God, which surely produces love to the brethren, we release the Committee from further service, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed last year to labor in the spirit of restoring love, to remove the causes that had in some measure tended to interrupt the harmony in one or more

of the subordinate meetings, report: that we have attended to our appointment, and are baut in degree in the spirit desired by the Yearly Meeting. We have attended the Quarterly Meeting in which unhappy differences appeared to exist, as reported last year, and have given written advice both to the meeting and to individuals; and we are thankful in being able to state, that the members of that meeting who had become involved in these difficulties, manifested a disposition cheerfully to accept the advice offered, and we believe no further labor on their account, is required from this meeting at the present time. We therefore propose that the Committee be released from further service.

David Buffum,
Stephen Jones,
Samuel Boyd Jr.

Sandy Spring, 6th month, 13th, 1850"

This meeting is again introduced into deep exercise on account of deficiences that have been reported in the answers to the Queries the present year, especially the answer to the 2d query, in regard to love and unity. We are sensible that the want of these essentials to our life as a body, may be confined to a few individuals, and yet, in our honest answer, appear to exhibit a greater extent of deficiency, than really exists in point of fact. In the present instance, it is, however, evident that there is an interruption of harmony, to a degree that cannot fail to prove injurious to individuals and to families, if not to the body of the meeting. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. There is one Head over all things unto the Church. We have one Master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. This is the condition of the Christian Church, and of every one of its members; and when love and unity are interrupted between the professed followers of Jesus, we may be assured that there has been a want of watchfulness unto prayer, and that the voice and guidance of the good Shepherd have not been heard and followed. We know that in our weakness and fallibility, we are ever liable to err

if we are put constantly engaged to walk in the love and in the fear of God. But our gracious and Holy Leader has instructed us very minutely how to proceed with an offending brother. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." We are not at liberty to speak of it to any one, not even to a fellow member, until we have taken this course with the offender; and if we neglect this first step, we do not observe the command of Christ, and become, ourselves, offenders against Him. We are confirmed in the belief, that if in the spirit of a loving love, we thus approach a brother who we apprehend has erred, we shall very often be favored to cause him to see, and condemn the error of his way, and shall have the unspeakable comfort of having gained our brother; possibly of having saved a soul from death. If, unhappily, he will not hear us, the next step in the order of the Gospel is to take with us one or two more; and if he shall neglect to hear them, we are then to tell it unto the church. This is the order which the adorable Head of the Church has prescribed; this is the course which we, as a portion of that Church have ever acknowledged as obligatory upon us; upon this, His explicitly declared law, is our Discipline founded in relation to offenders. To restore to the faith those who have departed from it, is the paramount object of christian care and labor; and a vital question for every one of us to answer, not only to the Church, but also unto Him who is to judge us in the last day, is whether we have kept his command in this respect. Have we observed His law to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us"? If this be our engagement, there is no place for tale-bearing and detraction; no liberty for whispering and insinuations that militate against a brother or any of our fellow men. Very fearful and destructive are the consequences of an indulgence in these practices, which have their origin and support in him who is characterized as the accuser of the brethren. To you, beloved friends, between whom that love and unity which are indispensible

to christian brethren, have been in some measure interrupted, we desire most tenderly and earnestly to appeal. How short is the remaining day of your probation! How soon will you be called to stand before Him who has loved us with an everlasting love; who knoweth our hearts and watcheth over us every hour of our lives! Be willing we entreat you, closely to examine yourselves. Be willing to lie very low before the Lord. Remember your own need of forgiveness. Forget not that if we are saved, it will be as pardoned sinners. Seek to be clothed with the beautiful garment of humility. Ask, in self abasedness, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourselves unto His gentle and pure teachings, and your hearts will not fail to be filled with love. Brother will seek to be reconciled unto brother, and in the exercise of that charity which thinketh no evil, each will prefer other to himself, and harmony and fellowship will be restored. "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of the foregoing Minute to our several subordinate Meetings.

The Committee on Correspondence are requested to prepare suitable Minutes for our Friends now in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon - met by adjournment.

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, made the following report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, report that may has not opened to visit the Passamaquoddies during the past year; we have learned, however, from reliable sources that they are making some progress in agriculture and literary attainments.

One of our number, in company with another friend, has recently visited the Penobscot tribe, had an interview with the present and former agent,

also with the "Superintending School Committee" and with the teachers of the past winter and present summer schools among them, and thus have obtained reliable information that to the Committee is satisfactory and encouraging.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact number of the tribe, owing to their wandering habits, but they are estimated at 475; of whom about 125 are adult males, and 115 females, leaving 235 minors. They have six months schooling annually, among them, at Old Town, by Protestant teacher; three in the winter by a male, and three in the summer by a female.

The winter term had 70 scholars on the list, varying from six to forty years of age, many of whom made good improvement in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography. The summer term had been in operation about two weeks, but was suspended at the time of our visit, on account of a case of small-pox among the children, which had very much alarmed the Indians. Both of the teachers speak of the children as advancing more rapidly in their studies than white children, and as being governed with greater ease. There is also a school in operation on one of their upper islands. And from some of the intermediate ones some of the children attend town schools.

Their farming operations, to a considerable extent, were examined and gave evidence of improvement in the manner and amount of their husbandry. We also examined some of their houses; one in particular which was well finished and furnished, and kept clean and neat. The front yard was tastefully ornamented with flowers, plants and shrubbery.

Intoxicating liquors are less used by the tribe, than in former years though it is thought there are from twenty to twenty five who at times indulge in intoxication.

The following statistics show as near as can be obtained the amount of their crops the past year, in bushels.

Potatoes - - -	3350.	Oats - - -	2973
Other Vegetables - - -	154.	Beans - - -	162

Pea - - - 54 Wheat - - 106
Barley - - 127 Buckwheat - - 184
Total amount 7110 bushels.
The bounty received from the State, on the above crops, was $ 54.60.
When we look upon their past history, and consider their miserable condition, when within the recollection of some friends now living, not one framed house was found among them, but a dirty bark-covered wigwam was their most comfortable dwelling, and hunting and fishing was almost their only means of support, and compare this with the present, when many of them are living in good houses, with fruitful fields and gardens around them and in the enjoyment of many domestic comforts, may we not with gratitude acknowledge, that He who of one blood created all nations of men, has seen fit to bless the labor bestowed to improve their condition and be encouraged by the past still to extend toward them a brother's hand and our Christian sympathy.
We would propose that $50. be appropriated to aid in the work.
Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Stephen Jones."
which is satisfactory to the Meeting. Interesting facts concerning these Indians, particularly the Penobscot tribe, were stated verbally by one of the Committee and we are encouraged in the belief that there has been a steady improvement in their habits, and an advancement in civilization and christianization. We think we have sufficient evidence that the labors bestowed by our Committee, and the influence they have exerted over the remnant of the aborigines of our country, in accordance with the ancient concern of this Meeting, have not been in vain; and we appoint the following friends to give such attention as they may be able to do in pursuance of our concern and report to this Meeting next year; and our Treasurer is requested to pay to Stephen Jones $50. as suggested in the report of the Committee, to be appropriated as they may deem

most useful to this people, viz:
John D. Long, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Bing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Hunt, and James Van Blarcum

Adjourned to 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 14th, friends again convened according to adjournment. The representatives all present except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason has assigned.

The committee on education presented the following report, which is interesting and very acceptable to us; and this meeting continues the same friends under appointment for another year, to act as a committee of this meeting, on this interesting subject; and we desire their encouragement in this engagement, and that they may be favored to extend help in various neighborhoods, where there may be for friends especially in the establishment of First day schools, for our own members and such other children as may properly attend with them, to report to this meeting next year, viz:-

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee on education report:- That the following statistical information has been compiled from accounts received from the several monthly meetings, bearing upon the subject of our appointment, viz:-

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting, between the ages of four and sixteen years,	892
Number between sixteen and twenty one years	483
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools,	2
Number of Preparative Meeting Schools	1
Number of Family Schools	6
Number of children attending schools taught by Friends or wholly under their control	197
Number of children attending mixed or promiscuous schools	966
Number of children taught by Friends in mixed schools,	212
Number of members of our Yearly Meeting who have taught [illegible] the past year	117

Number of our members, who, in obtaining an education at academies and colleges, are placed out from among Friends - - - - - 12
Number of First day Schools, taught under the care of Friends, - - - - - - - 29
Average continuance of First-Day Schools, - about six months.
Number of pupils attending the same - - - 735.
Number of pupils attending the same, who are members of our religious society - - - 466.

The subject confided to us has, from time to time, claimed our attention, under a deep feeling of its importance, and a survey of the field before us, as well as our meetings on this island, has afforded cheering evidence that, while our progress in the work has been slow, and much, very much, remains to be accomplished, our course is still onward; and the interest of Friends for the guarded literary and religious education of our youth is, in a good degree, lively and animating.

One cause of encouragement, afforded by the statistics now before us, is the increased number of children reported as in the attendance of select Schools, while the number of our children, who are taught by Friends in promiscuous schools, is nearly one sixth of the whole.

Another striking feature exhibited in the summary now presented, is the large number of our members who are reported as having been engaged as teachers during the past year; and this evidence of the favorable opinion, in the community, of their qualifications for this arduous and responsible duty, is, we believe, cause of gratulation.

For this interesting class, composed mostly of those in the younger walks of life, our interest and sympathies have been awakened, that they may not only be diligent in the performance of their allotted service, under a deep sense of the obligations which they have assumed, but that, looking for that wisdom which is from above, they may be strengthened to discharge themselves "as to the Lord and not unto men".

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Of the continued efficiency of our Boarding School at Providence, we are abundantly satisfied. By the account from Vassalboro' we are informed that "Oak Grove Seminary" has been in successful operation during the past year, and some of our number, who have attended the examinations at this school, report it in a flourishing condition.

Upon the subject of Scriptural instruction, either in First day schools, in families, or by the formation of Bible classes of adult members for this purpose, we can confidently report an increased interest during the year. The number of schools is slightly augmented, and the proportion of our children who are enjoying the benefits of these simple, though highly useful, auxiliaries to a religious education, is also greater.

We wish, however, earnestly to press upon Friends in some localities, the necessity for greater exertion in this important work. In eleven of our Monthly Meetings no First day school is at this time reported.

Although fully aware of some of the obstacles to be met, in the organization and proper maintenance of these schools, in the little meetings and scattered neighborhoods of Friends, to which we allude, we are tenderly solicitous that neither these difficulties, nor an undue shrinking, from a sense of weakness, on the part of those who may feel drawn to the labor of love, may unfortunately deter any of our dear Friends from a faithful discharge of duty, in feeding these tender lambs of the flock.

On behalf of the committee,
Henry T. Wood, Clerk

Newport, 6th month 14th, 1860.

[Committee — George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Peckham, Charles P. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Laine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles P. Coffin, Jr., William Chase, Josiah D Chaffee, Thomas Nelson, Thomas N. Thorndike,

Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Jewett Hoxie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Pike, Hope H. Francis, Adnan Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Hurd, William A. Tabor, Matthew Barney, Christopher C. Hussey, Rufus Hinton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Eastland, Silas Pope, Elisha Jones, John Eastland, Abraham Briston, David Babcock, Samuel H. Cotton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Payson, William H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph C. Cole, William Tabor, Joseph K. Pratt, Ruth Sawyer, Jonathan Potter, Albert C. Russell, Timothy B. Hoag, Ezra Gould, Levi Hoag, William T. Thompson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winsor, Joseph Winsor, Benjamin G. Shepherd.

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Andrew, Sarah Slade, Maria Pettingill, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Simon, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Chase, Eunice B. Boyce, Ann A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia N. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe T. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Christina Mary, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Hurd, Susan G. Hempton, Mary B. Reed, Abigail Hodges, Mary P. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Ely, Lucy Collins, Hannah Reader, Sally Bean, Eunice J. Nick, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Hunt, Anna Hillier, Lydia C. Ely, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Tabor, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Pettum, Hannah Russell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Slade, Cynthia J. Jones, Elizabeth T. Thompson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winsor, Eunice Winsor, and Zilpha T. Shepherd.]

The committee to attend to a reprint of the London Epistle, report that they have attended to the service and that they are placed, in the usual proportions, in the hands of the representatives, to be conveyed to the Quarterly Meetings.

The clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, Thomas Frazier, and similar ones for our friends, Lindley M. Hoag, Jeremiah A. Brownell,

Samuel Lloyd, Joseph Haviland, Rebekah Wrake, Naomi Coffin, Edith Griffith, Mary B. Pinkham, Julia Ann McCord, and Hannah L. Fry, viz:-

"Our beloved friend Thomas Hazzis, attended the meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Elijah Coffin; and similar minutes for our friends Asa Williams, Lydia A. Macomber, Thomas R. McCord, Eli Haines, Lydia H. Hanby, John C. Hill, William C. Morris, Lindley M. and Mary A. Ferris, and Thomas C. Pinkham, viz:-

"Our beloved friend Elijah Coffin, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, inform that Levi Arnold is appointed correspondent to Hanford Monthly Meeting, in place of Elijah Palmer, deceased Address Stanfordville, Dutchess County, New York; and that Elihu Terry is appointed correspondent to Farmington Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Southwick, deceased. Address Pawville, Clinton County, New York.

The committee on correspondence presented copy of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western; which being approved by this meeting, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause an edition of 300 copies of Extracts from the minutes of this meeting, to be printed and forwarded to our subordinate meetings.

And now, having been brought very near to each other, as we trust, in Gospel love; having witnessed the extension to us of divine mercy during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, for which we desire to be sincerely thankful; and having disposed of the various concerns of the Church, which have claimed our attention in much harmony, we now separate in near unity, purposing to meet again at this place, at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

Epistles,

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends, for New England, held on Rhode Island, from the 10th to the 14th inclusive of the 6th Month, 1850, to other Yearly Meetings of Friends:

To the Yearly Meeting of London.

Dear Friends,

We are again assembled at our usual time and place for the performance of those duties which pertain to a Yearly Meeting and we can sincerely and gratefully acknowledge that as in times past, so now, the great Head of the Church, has granted unto us to be a little comforted and strengthened together. We have been permitted to feel anew that Key is laid over all that he condescends to hear the petitions of the humble, to guide the meek in judgment and to teach them his way—

As a body as well as individuals we are wholly dependant on that mercy that cometh through Jesus Christ—and it is His prerogative to direct His Church and to rule in the hearts of his children. They that are truly nice know this—they are prepared to say with the Apostle "when I am weak then am I strong"—they know that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God—that "the things of God knoweth no man but the spirit of God". They are engaged diligently to search the Record He has been pleased to give of Himself with heart sincerely turned unto Him for the enlightening influence of His spirit—and they humbly bless and adore Him for the wonderful provisions of His Grace therein revealed—They feel in measure the debt of gratitude and love due unto Him who has with such entire fulness yet without any redundancy provided for the necessities of fallen man—and coming low before Him—yielding unto the Holy Spirit they witness a change of heart and come unto Jesus in the full assurance of faith. They commit themselves unto His holy keeping and realize that he is their Saviour and Redeemer—their Trust and Hope and they look for salvation only through His matchless merits and unspeakable, abounding love—

It is too evident that at the present time as in former days the preaching of Christ crucified continues to be rejected by many. A simple, childlike dependance upon the Saviour, and faith in His atoning blood are foolishness to those who love the world and in whom the love of the Father dwelleth not. While it is also to be feared there are those who profess a faith in Christ, but who really know Him not, for they are not careful to keep His commandments and with whom the fruit of the Spirit does not abound. Deep is our concern that we as a people may be true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. living in that faith which overcomes the world, which purifies the heart and is rich in good works.

Your Epistle addressed to us last year and then acknowledged in our Epistle to you has been again read in this meeting and has been comforting and edifying to us. We notice with much interest your remarks in relation to war. and reciprocate fully your concern that all of us everywhere and under all circumstances may give evidence to our fellowmen that we are followers of the Prince of Peace that we confide in Him as our Saviour and are not trusting to an arm of flesh. We sympathize with you in the trials to which you are subjected in consequence of the spirit of war. To maintain our Christian testimony faithfully against all war. to abstain from all indirect as well as direct countenance of it we are sensible requires the exercise of watchfulness unto prayer. and our desires are fervent that both you and we may be enabled practically to show our faith in Him who declared "my kingdom is not of this world else would my servants fight".

Our meeting has been well attended. Many of our dear young friends have been with us who have manifested an interest in the cause of Christ, and in the order of the Church that has proved encouraging to us and while we deeply feel our loss in the removal from us of several beloved and honored fathers who since our last Yearly Meeting have, we reverently trust, been

transplanted to the Church triumphant, and take comfort in the evidence that the Lord has laid his preparing hand on some of our young men, to qualify them to take the places of those who are relieved from their labors on earth and have become partakers of the joys of Heaven.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Doleey- Clerk

To Ireland:

Dear friends,

Being again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we would acknowledge the receipt of your acceptable Epistle of 5mo last, which together with other Epistolary communications from other Yearly Meetings, have been read, to our comfort and encouragement. Our meeting at this time has been well attended, and during the sittings thereof, we have been mercifully favored with the overshadowing of Divine love. We have been brought near to each other in the fellowship of the Gospel, and our hearts have been contrited under the renewed evidence that our Father in Heaven is still watching over us, and is disposed to do us good.

We cordially respond to what is said in your Epistle on the subject of prayer. And we have been encouraged during this Meeting to seek for ability to raise our petitions daily to the throne of grace, for that spiritual bread, which can alone nourish up the soul unto everlasting life; and while we believe that all true prayer must be begotten in our hearts through the influence of the Holy Spirit, in order to be acceptable to our Father in Heaven, and that formal prayer uttered without this influence and engendering, we are also persuaded that the qualification for this duty will not be withheld from those who seek for it, and the humble christian traveller, will therefore find it incumbent upon him to pray without ceasing. We believe that if we were faithful in the performance of private prayer, the deficiences in the maintenance of our

christian testimonies would become low, and we should be found coming up more fully to the station which the blessed head of the church designs we should occupy.

We can also unite with you in your concern for the religious as well as the literary instruction of our beloved children, and we would encourage parents and those who have the care of the young, to train them up in the fear of the Lord.

The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in families has been blessed to many, when very young in life, and we would strengthen the hands of friends everywhere in the discharge of this duty. We would encourage them above all, to impress upon the tender minds of their offspring, the great truth contained in those sacred writings, that our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, offered up his life as an atonement for their sin, and that by his great offering the gift of the Holy Spirit was obtained, which enableth them for doing evil, and which will as they give heed to its intimations preserve them in the way in which they should go, and fit them for a blessed inheritance in the world to come. And as we faithfully discharge our duty in this respect, may we not trust that the good seed sown in the hearts of our children will be blessed to them, and that as the fathers and mothers are removed, there will be those raised up, who will be qualified to fill their places in the church.

We have been brought into mourning and sorrow on account of the removal by death during the past year of some who have long stood as upright pillars in the church; but we are comforted in the belief, that having done their day's work, they are now gathered home to rest to partake in all their fullness of the blessed promises of the gospel.

May we be stimulated by their pious examples to follow them, as they followed Christ, that in the end we may receive a crown that fadeth not away.

Our Boarding School Committee has made an interesting report, by which it appears that the Institution continues to answer in good measure the design

of its benevolent founders.
With the salutation of love, we remain your friends
Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting,
Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To New-York:

Dear friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the present month together with similar testimonials of Catholic regard from other Yearly Meetings was received and read to our comfort and satisfaction. In thus assembling together to consider of the wants of the church and for the edification of the body in love our feelings have been quickened as we humbly trust by the comforting and enlivening presence of the divine Master, and thro' the instrumentality of divers of His qualified servants. And we have been renewedly impressed with the necessity of greater diligence in the performance of whatever work may be assigned us by the Great Head of the church both with reference to what may be required for that necessary purification without which no man can see the Lord but also our duty toward our fellow-men in holding up the standard of truth in all its fullness and inviting others to withdraw their affections from the perishing things of time and sense and to turn unto the Lord their maker the former and possessor of all things the only source of permanent enjoyment and true peace. The importance of a living baptized gospel ministry as described by the Apostle to the Gentiles to be not with wisdom of words, but in the demonstration of the spirit and of power has been sensibly felt and great has been our desire that we may more and more experience the requisite qualification rightly to administer to the wants of the Church under the direction of its Holy Head. The same Apostle declares that the great subject of his preaching was "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" We all know how effective was his preaching How he labored more abundantly, yet as he

declare "but I but the Grace of God which was with me". And may we not hope that where the same subject are declared with a heartfelt appreciation of their importance and enforced through the demonstration of the Spirit in the power and authority given by Him who can alone give ability aright to declare his counsel and who alone can open the hearts of the hearers to receive the baptizing influence of the Holy Spirit, that the like blessed effect that were witnessed in the Apostle days, may be realized in our own and many be brought away from a reliance upon the wisdom of this world and from an undue indulgence in worldly indulgents to an amendment of life and to trust in the power and mercy of the living God through Christ Jesus our glorified Redeemer.

We have to record the removal from works to rewards of several time honored laborers in our beloved Society. We deeply feel our loss and a sense of unfitness is the clothing of our minds, and the enquiry is often present with us, "by whom shall Jacob arise?" May the young now as in ancient times respond to the call and guiding on the Lord's armor fully resign themselves to his service: believing as well they may that his service is honorable and glorious and his wages, an eternal inheritance in the everlasting kingdom of our God among the saints in light.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk

To Baltimore:

Dear friends,

Having again been mercifully permitted to meet together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, our hearts have been afresh united, we trust, in that love which is the badge of true discipleship.

We have received your acceptable Epistle of tenth month last by the hands of several other Yearly Meetings, the reading of which has animated

our hearts in the belief that this Epistolary correspondence commenced in the Truth, still binds together all who are visibly concerned for the well ordering of the Church. We have been made sensible at this time that our Heavenly Father is still abundant in mercy, and graciously disposed to own his servants and keep them as it were under the shadow of his wings. Desire have been our lot that we may witness an increase of faith, whereby we shall be enabled to put our whole dependance upon him who alone is able to carry forward the good work in our hearts.

The deficiencies that have been noticed in the answers to the queries, have called forth much tender counsel from concerned friends, and the apparent neglect in the due attendance of our religious meetings, has been deeply felt at this time, and we have been earnestly exhorted, not to cast away our confidence in God, nor forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor decrease the encouraging language of our Holy Redeemer, "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have the acceptable company at this time of a large number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings, and we feel it to be an evidence of divine favor that they have thus been drawn to visit us in the love of the Gospel.

The concern manifested in your Epistle on behalf of the Alaska Indians, and the colored population, has afresh awakened our sympathies, and we ardently desire that your cherished labors may be blessed to the needy portion of the human family. The Committee having in charge the concern of this Yearly Meeting on behalf of the Freedmen and Freedwomen Indians continue to give us favorable accounts of the improvements which they have made in their habits and manner of living, and in the cultivation of their lands, which is very encouraging to us, that our labors in that direction have not been bestowed in vain.

The report of our Reading School committee continues to give evidence of the great advantages

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that our youth are receiving. We have the privilege of obtaining a portion of their education at that Institution; and the Friends appointed by the meeting last year upon the subject of Education report that increased attention has been given within our limits to that object, especially so in regard to promoting an increased knowledge and appreciation of the Holy Scriptures.

The attendance through the several sittings of this meeting has been large, in which we have been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church in much harmony, for which blessing we reverently desire to give thanks unto Him from whom all good cometh.

With the salutation of love we bid you an affectionate farewell and remain your friends.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To North-Carolina:

Dear Friends,

We are brought afresh to commemorate the Divine goodness which has so mercifully overshadowed us, while we have been engaged in the transaction of the affairs of the Church which have come before us at this time, and under the fresh anointings thereof we would salute you, greatly desiring that the Lord's people everywhere may be preserved upon that foundation against which nothing shall ever be able to prevail.

A large number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings are with us at this time whose labors of love have been to our comfort and edification.

We are brought reverently to feel the great value to the Church of a living, baptizing ministry, we are made earnestly to desire that with all our dear friends everywhere, faithfulness may keep pace with knowledge; then will there be a succession of standard bearers, Judges will be raised up as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning, and the mouths of many be reverently believe will be opened to declare unto others, the unsearchable riches of Christ to the edification

of the body and to the peace of their own minds.

We have been favored to transact the affairs of Society which have claimed our attention with much harmony and brotherly love.

In the consideration of the state of Society the deficiencies noticed in the answers to the queries, introduced the meeting into a lively concern for the faithful maintenance of all our Christian testimonies, we were feelingly exhorted to be watchful in the attendance of all our religious meetings even in time of leanness and discouragement patiently waiting upon the Lord therein.

We were also exhorted not to neglect the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures with our families collectively encouraged and as ability is afforded to impress upon the minds of our tender offspring the excellent truths which they contain, so essential to our present and eternal happiness.

We have received at this time your acceptable epistle of 11th month last, together with similar testimonials from other yearly Meetings. We feelingly do respond to the sentiment expressed by you, that it is a precious privilege thus to communicate with our distant brethren who feel and believe with us endeavoring to strengthen and build one another up in the most holy faith.

We sympathize with you in your endeavors to maintain a faithful testimony against slavery, may you continue steadfast therein in every time of trial, leaning upon Him for support who hath said call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

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To Ohio:

Dear Brethren,

We have again been permitted to meet together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and to transact the affairs of the Church that have come before us in much harmony and brotherly love.

Our meeting has been quite as large as usual, and the several sittings have been mighty and solemn. We have had a larger number of Friends from other Yearly Meetings than has generally been in attendance. Their services have been to our edification and comfort and we hope their Gospel Message may prove to be a lasting blessing to many.

On an examination of the State of Society as brought to view by reading the answers to the Queries, we can but hope that there is a little advancement towards that better country.

We have received Epistles of Brotherly love from the Yearly Meetings of London and Ireland and from all the Yearly Meetings on this Continent, with which we correspond except from your Yearly Meeting. We hear that you write us, but from some cause your Epistle has not reached us. These brotherly salutations are always comforting to us. Their interruption, at any time, from any cause, we look upon as a fearful thing. Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. — What man or body of men can presume to sit in judgment and to limit this glorious work, which our Heavenly Father has taken into his own hands. The clouds that for a season were permitted to hang over you, and have through the abounding of the love of God, been measurably swept away, so that the Gospel can have free course, and be glorified amongst you, as in former days, which must be cause of great rejoicing to us all.

Our hearts are often deeply pained in contemplating such a state of society as does shut out God's faithful ministers from any portion of the vineyard, that they may fail their minds drawn unto in the love of the Everlasting Gospel.

Awful indeed must be the condition of those, who have been found shutting up themselves and shutting out others, who have received a portion of the Gospel Message to proclaim to a fallen world.

Let us all be concerned to pray to our Heavenly Father, that in His might He would break down all the walls of opposition, so that every portion of our little Church may mingle together again in sweet fellowship and steadily advance towards that glorious land of promise, where no sorrow will ever afflict - no divisions will ever trouble the inhabitants thereof - no strife, who shall be greatest, will ever be there - But adoration and praise will be the delightful employment of every redeemed soul.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction, and on behalf, of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Abbey. Clerk

To Indiana:

Dear friends,

We have received your interesting and acceptable Epistle of 10th month last, the reading of which, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, has brought our friends very sweetly before us and in the fresh flowings of Gospel love we salute you as brethren beloved.

We notice with deep interest your engagement to promote the best good of our fellow men of every class and description - and especially that you are concerned to diffuse the blessed light of the Gospel - faithfully following the leadings of the Holy Spirit and trusting to Him alone to qualify and strengthen you in the discharge of every religious duty.

It is a day of great awakening and many seeking souls are anxiously inquiring what they shall do to be saved. To such for qualification effectively to point them to Jesus such become any one of his disciples - and that we may all so live in the fear and love of God - so move in his counsel that we may

about those that are yet afar off - we have not known how to be unto them that among the thousand and altogether lovely - to come and partake of the riches of his mercy is the very fervent desire and concern of this Meeting.

The Apostle's declaration and injunction remain to be true and obligatory. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ - but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon - for every man's work shall be made manifest - for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire. How instructive and subduing is the thought that no zeal or activity of man, however good his intentions will promote the Redeemer's cause except he move in the light and in the strength which come alone from Him. and yet how comforting is the remembrance of the Apostle's words who felt his own weakness "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

We allude very feelingly to the increase of our religious liberty in the eastern part of our land, and we unite very fully in your aspiration that as the Lord has given the increase, the stakes may be strengthened as the cords are lengthened - He has given you a South land - may He also grant unto you abundantly springs of living water.

Our meeting at this time has been well attended and we desire to be thankful for the merciful evidences granted from sitting to sitting that his banner over us is love under which we have been enabled to dispose of the subjects before us in much harmony - and now beloved brethren, farewell - "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey Clerk

To Western:

Dear friends,

Being again together in our Yearly Meeting, though the favor of the Lord we have been

made new to each other in the unity of the blessed Spirit and enabled harmoniously to labor together in caring for the things of the Church that have come before us. This hour be one with gratitude and desire to remember with reverence.

Acceptable epistles from other Yearly Meetings and yours of last year have been received; and in addressing you at this time as Brethren we trust it is under a sense of the value of that Christian relationship - a relationship in which as children we can come before Him who knows all our wants; and in which, as servants of one Master, we are found laboring together in promotion of the one great cause.

In view of such kindred, made enduring only through the Holy Spirit, David exclaims; "How good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; where the Lord commanded the blessing; even life forever more.

Will you, dear friends, in your multiplied engagements, and in your increasing field of labor, feel tender sympathy: and fervently do we desire for you as for ourselves, divine ability to uphold the standard of Truth and of Righteousness in all its excellency and beauty.

To us the Saviour's words: "Without me, ye can do nothing; and yet said the Apostle, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Who is sufficient for these things, which is just, yet most merciful On inquiries at our hands?

"Whatever may be our qualifications, whatever our endowments, these all must pass through the fire upon the Lord's altar" ere they can be consecrated to His service or made useful in His cause.

To realize our Lord Jesus Christ to be head over all things to His Church is precious to the believer: to such He is all in all. He is our King to rule us; our great high priest making atonement for us, our advocate with the Father, and ever liveth to make intercession for us.

We with Friends of other Yearly Meetings so it is

with us. We are brought deeply to feel, in the removal from amongst us, from Earth to rewards, of Brethren, who were very dear to us. God has made the tie that binds the Church together, so very precious, that the removals of any of its honored Members, can but affect us, with deep emotions, still, while we are comforted in believing that a crown of righteousness is theirs, may we, who are spared a little longer, find Grace so to fill up the measure of our days, here, that we may be gathered with the just of every generation.

Brethren, Farewell. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Signed by direction, and in behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Jobey Clerk

1861 At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship, at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 16th; and for discipline, at Newport, on second day morning, the 17th of sixth month, 1861.

By the Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :-

From Rhode Island - David Sisson, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Obadiah Grace, Timothy C. Collins, Gilbert Congdon, Levi Almy, Perez Peck, William A. Robinson and Samuel Gifford.

From Salem - Nathan Reed, Moses Huntington Jr., Stowell Ordway, Daniel Poole, Samuel Boyce, Micajah C. Platt and Josiah D. Challis.

From Sandwich - Isaac R. Gifford, Nowell Nozis, David Kelley, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, Charles R. Tucker, Nathaniel Gifford and James West.

From Falmouth - Henry M. Minott, Hiram Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Joshua Cobb, Robert Goddard, Oliver Pope and Nathaniel Hawkes.

From Smithfield - Thomas Grover, Richard Bailey, David Babcock and Charles Hadwen.

From Cassadaga - Edmund Estes, Josiah Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph H. Cole, John D. Lang, Caleb Nichols, Josiah Hillbrook, Samuel Foster, Benjamin R. Havens, Winslow Austin and Elisha Mosher.

From Dover - Joseph M. Hanson, John Estes, Cyrus Bangs, Tobias Meader and Stillman Estes.

From Fairfield - Elijah Pope, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Winslow Hawkes, William Parr and Joseph Taylor; -

Whose names being called, they were all present.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved Friend, John Hodgkin, from England, satisfactory certificates were read from Lewis and Chichester Monthly Meetings, held 3d mo. 21st 1861, the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex, Surry, Hampshire and part of Dorsetshire, held

at Brighton the 28th of 3 mo. 1861; and from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in London, acting on behalf of the Society throughout Great Britain, the 28th of 3 mo. 1861; - expressing unity with him as a minister of the Gospel, and with his present religious engagement.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friends, Jacob Bean, of Red Cedar Monthly Meeting, Iowa; David Tatum, of Bridgeport Monthly Meeting, Indiana; Sarah Ann Linton, of Center Monthly Meeting, Ohio, and Esther C. Weeks, of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York; and satisfactory certificates from their several meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, were received.

Our beloved Friends, Robert W. Hodson, of Plainfield Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companion to our Friend David Tatum; Rhoda G. Hadley, companion to our Friend Sarah Ann Linton, of Springfield Monthly Meeting, Ohio; and Stephen Wood, of Chappaqua Monthly Meeting, New York, accompanying our Friend Esther C. Weeks, being present at this meeting, satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings were read, expressive of unity with them as elders, and with their present engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our beloved Friend, Phebe Ann Weeden, of Butternuts Monthly Meeting, New York, companion to our Friend Esther C. Weeks, and a satisfactory certificate from the monthly meeting of which she is a member was received, expressing unity with her as a minister, and with her present engagement.

The London printed Epistle of last year was read at this time, and was truly acceptable to us, and we desire that its instructive contents may be extended to our members generally and may receive their careful attention; and for the purpose, we appoint our Friends, William C Taber and William A. Robinson, to attend to the reprint of 3500 copies, and place them in the hands of the Representatives now in attendance of this meeting, for general distribution among the families of Friends.

Epistles from our dear brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western, have been received at this time, and have been grateful to us, bringing our fellow professors of those meetings into sweet remembrance; and we

[illegible] joining Friends to prepare, as way may open for it, ways of communication to those several meetings and present them at a future sitting, viz.:- William C. Taber, John D. Lang, James Van Blarcom, Samuel Bowne, Samuel Boyd, Toby, Gilbert Congdon, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen Jones, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chace, Obadiah Chace, Nowell Hoxie, Samuel Taylor, Daniel Beede, John Osborne, John Page, Moses N. Beede, Alden Sampson, David K. Akin, Edmund Bates, Henry M. Minott, John Milton Earle, Eli Jones, William P. Nowland, Nowell Ordway, Charles R. Tucker, George L. Collins, Isaac R. Gifford, Joseph Taber, Henry T. Wood, Tobias Meader, William A. Robinson and Joseph Eastland.

By the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears they have given the necessary attention to raising the stock called for by this meeting last year; and we appoint our friends, Gideon C. Smith, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Oliver Pope, Samuel N. Cottrell, Samuel Foster, Benajah Buffum and Charles M. Bailey, to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, and propose a suitable sum for the use of this meeting the present year, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer,- to report at a future sitting.

By the Reports from the Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that Rhode Island has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the Ministry of William T. Richardson, and in the appointment of Elizabeth G. Chace and Ruth Chace to the station of Elder; and with Swansey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Ruth B. Gifford to the same station; and that the following Friends have deceased during the past year, viz.:- John Meader, a Minister and member of Providence Monthly Meeting, 6th mo. 7th 1860, aged 62 years, 7 months and 4 days; Hannah Gould, an Elder and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, 7th month 7th, 1860, aged 80 years less one day; Susan Ann Buffum, an Elder and member of the same Monthly Meeting, 3d mo. 5th 1861, aged 72 years, 10 months and 6 days; and Anna Shove an Elder and member of Swansey Monthly Meeting, 8th mo. 19th 1860, aged 78 years, 8 months and 25 days. Salem reports that David Dow, a member of Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the station of Elder, died 5th mo. 26th 1860, aged 78 years, 4 months and 28 days; that Ruth Bassett, an Elder and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, died 7th mo. 5th 1860, aged 78 years, 8 months and 9 days, and that Mary Chace, a member of the same meeting, a minister

deceased 4th mo. 26th 1861, aged 88 years, 10 months and 23 day

Sandwich informs that it has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Moses Smith, Maria B. Smith and Huldah Gifford, to the station of Elder; that Nantucket Monthly Meeting has accepted from Christopher B. Hussey, late a Minister and member of that Monthly Meeting, a resignation of his right of membership; and that Mary B. Tarnum, a Minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting, died 1st mo. 27th 1861, aged 87 years.

Falmouth reports that Anna Purinton, an Elder and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting died 11th mo. 7th 1860, aged 92 years, 6 months and 14 days; and Naomi S. Parker, an Elder and member of Dimington Monthly Meeting, deceased 8th mo. 20th 1859, aged 53 years, 5 months.

Vassalboro' informs that it has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rachel B. Hussey, Sarah T. Jones and Hannah T. Jenkins to the station of Elder, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in appointing Elizabeth T. Cook to the same station; that Abijah Newhall, an Elder and member of Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting died 10th mo 6th 1860, aged 80 years, 9 months and 5 days; and that Peace Moulton, an Elder and member of Unity Monthly Meeting deceased 4th mo. 11th 1861, aged 58 years, 7½ months.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon – Convened, pursuant to adjournment.

David Buffum, on behalf of the Representatives, informed that they had consulted together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey for Clerk and Charles R. Tucker for Assistant Clerk; which being approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The Records of this Meeting for 1860 were now read.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to us, and is as follows, viz.:

"To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, report: That for the Summer term of the School there were admitted 131 scholars, 72 males and 59 females; and for the Winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females. It will be remembered, that at our last

Yearly Meeting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the Summer term, of severe sickness and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number viz: 67 males and 42 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet-fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel, from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as Principals, until the close of the Summer-term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz: John T. Rowell, Harriet C. Woodman, Elma Dame and Lois Anna Greene, in the English Branches; Henry K. Pinkham, in Mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Renaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Potter in Drawing.

At the close of the Summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the School, were presented with duly authenticated diplomas of scholarship. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, who were instrumental in introducing this more extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we recur to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness. Our former arrangements having proved satisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same or a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert K. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza S. Smiley entered into an engagement

to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following as a Board of Instructors

Albert K. Smiley } Principals.
Eliza P. Smiley }
Alfred H. Smiley — Associate Principal.
John F. Rowell }
Rufus Read }
Rebecca H. Smiley } Teachers of English Branches.
Ruth P. Nichols }
Joseph H. Coggeshall, Assistant Teacher of Greek & Latin.
Dr. Lorenz Enders, Teacher of French & German.
Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings with a few exceptions, consequent upon the sickness in the Summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning Meeting in the city, which they usually attend on the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week. The meetings at the School House have been attended, in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been seasons of favor and of interest.

The health of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good. Instruction in the Holy Scriptures has formed a part of the daily school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon His Blessing, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the past year:-

The receipts for tuition &c., with $4192\frac{65}{100}$ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment. The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and $1653.\frac{81}{100}$ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution, $1500.-

It is proposed that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz:- $40.- per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60.- for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or

the Scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100- for any others, payable in advance.

That $5- additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, and that books and Stationery be furnished at the same price as Heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

Gilbert Congdon, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 7th 1861."

Regulations of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in the Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3 and 9th months - as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privelege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term.

And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privelege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term,

and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made per the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in justice be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principal.

Address Albert K. Smiley,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence R. I.

(Committee.— Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, William C. Taber, Samuel Taylor, Samuel Boyce, Gideon C. Smith, George Howland Jr. Samuel Austin, Charles R. Tucker, David Buffum, Stephen A. Chase, William A. Robinson and John D. Lang.

Susan Howland, Lydia Congdon, Sarah T. Tobey, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza B. Boyce, Mary A. Smith, Lydia H. Jones, Dorcas T. Tucker, Rachel S. Howland, Sarah T. Simpson, Ann S. Earle and Anna T. Dennis.)

And the friends now under appointment are desired to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends in the care and superintendence of the school, and requested to report to this meeting, next year. And they are empowered to exercise their judgment in relation to the attendance of religious meetings by the inmates of the Institution; either with Friends in the city of Providence, or to hold meetings in the school house for this accommodation.

The Epistle addressed to us by the Yearly Meeting of London, held in 1860, and the one from Ohio for 1859 were now read and are acceptable; and they are referred to the Committee on Correspondence, appointed this morning.

The following friends are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at our next sitting, viz: Samuel Gifford, Stephen Breed, Samuel Hoxie, Oliver Pope, Richard Potter, Joseph W. Lord, Tobias Meader and Josiah Taylor.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning, the 18th. The meeting assembled at the hour at which it was adjourned.

The Representatives present except one, for whose absence

a sufficient reason was assigned.

By the report from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that Caleb Jones appeals to this Meeting from their decision, and that they have appointed a committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends Joseph Metcalf, Perez Peck, Moses T. Rogers, Nathan Bond, David Bailey, William C. Taber, John Osborne, Richard Bailey, Edmond Bates, Elisha Mosher, Stephen Beede, Tobias Meader, William Tew and Charles W. Bailey, to hear the parties in the case, and report their judgment at a future sitting of this meeting.

The Committee on the Correspondence are requested to present to this Meeting, returning minutes for Friends from other Yearly Meetings now in attendance on this.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that James N. Fry, on account of Bodily infirmity, desires to be released as correspondent of Bolton Monthly Meeting, and David Babcock is proposed in his place; which is satisfactory to this Meeting. Post-office address, Bolton Mass.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting proposes that the hour of assembling of that Meeting be changed from eleven to ten o'clock in the morning; to which this meeting assents, and the Clerk is directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute.

The Meeting now entered into a consideration of the state of Society, by reading the queries and answers, and proceeded therein to the fourth inclusive - and then adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At the appointed hour Friends again assembled, and continued in the engagement of the morning by reading the remaining queries and answers. In this review of the condition of our little portion of the Christian church, we are, as in former years, brought to mourn over the deficiencies that are apparent, especially in the attendance of our religious meetings for the worship of our Father in Heaven, and in the maintenance of that love which is essential to Christian Brethren, and which is the evidence of being disciples of Christ. Much pertinent counsel was offered, and many tender appeals made to us, by concerned Friends.

We were affectionately reminded of the declaration in Holy Writ, regarding those who came not up to Jerusalem

to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts, that upon them should descend no rain, and that a plague should rest upon their habitation; and the query was raised whether these were not those who could testify, from experience, that as they have neglected the due attendance of their religious meetings, coldness and indifference in regard to the maintenance of our Christian testimonies have prevailed their minds, and they have witnessed less and less of the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, until something has come over their habitation which may be compared to a plague.

A fervent desire was expressed that those who have been neglectful of this high duty may be aroused to a sense of its importance; that they may feel it a privilege as well as a duty to assemble with their friends, for the purpose of worshipping Him to whom we are indebted for all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual; and may say to others, both by precept and example, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths".

We were earnestly exhorted, when thus assembled, to remember that silence does not constitute worship; that by an unconcerned and irreverent manner we may impede the progress of those who are seeking the way of Truth, but who will find encouragement when they see in us an evidence of true engagement to wait upon the Lord; and the silent tear which manifests a melted spirit and penitent heart, may plead more effectually than words to bring them to the feet of Jesus.

If we are concerned to love God supremely, we cannot fail to love our fellow men. "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" - was a part of the memorable prayer taught by our blessed Saviour to His disciples. And if we are to find forgiveness only as we extend it to others, how important that all of us should carefully examine our

own hearts, in order to know whether there is anything there which prevents the free circulation of love towards our brethren, and in sincerity pray for its removal.

The importance of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, was feelingly spread before us, and the faithful observance of this practice was again earnestly commended to us. We were reminded that, as this duty is performed with our spirits turned unto the Lord for help, although we may not stand as ministers in the church, a word for the encouragement or edification of those we love may be given us, or we may be strengthened to bow the knee, and vocally supplicate our Father in Heaven that His blessing may rest upon us.

The present condition of our beloved country, and the temptations and trials to which we are exposed, have weighed heavily upon us. We have ever been a loyal people. We have always acknowledged our allegiance to the authorities placed over us. We have ever been engaged to sustain civil government, not only by yielding to its authority on all points not involving conscientious scruples, but by exerting such moral power as we might possess to bring others into obedience to it; and at this day, when a section of our land has risen up against it, and by violent means is seeking to subvert and overthrow it, while our sympathies may properly be enlisted for the rulers of our land, now involved in deep responsibility and sore trial, and our prayers rightfully raised to the Lord, that they may be endued with that wisdom which is profitable to direct, yet we are not to forget that it is not for us to mingle in the deadly strife, or to promote in others the spirit which tends to unsheath the sword and to bring them into conflict with their fellow men.

It may not be necessary for us to enter, at large, into a specification of the grounds upon which our religious society has always felt bound solemnly to bear its testimony against war in all its forms, and to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion; and yet some of the teachings of our Saviour and His apostles, showing that this testimony has its root in the Gospel, may perhaps

be profitably received, and may tend to strengthen and encourage some who desire to be followers of the Prince of Peace, in continuing steadfast and immovable in their faith and in their works. "Have peace one with another." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love." "See that none render evil for evil to any man". "God hath called us to peace." "Follow after love, patience, meekness." "Be gentle, showing all meekness unto all men." "Live in peace". "Lay aside all malice." "Put off anger, wrath, malice." "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamor, and evil-speaking be put away from you, with all malice." "Avenge not yourselves." "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink." "Recompense to no man evil for evil." "Overcome evil with good." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy; but I say unto you, love your enemies; Bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; for if ye love them only which love you, what reward have you?"

These are the precepts of Christianity, and they breathe the spirit of love and peace. These are the teachings of the Gospel by which we profess to be governed; and they are obligatory upon all christians in every emergency, and under every circumstance of their lives. Let none doubt the practicability of observing them, or in any wise call in question the efficacy of an abiding faith in the controlling and overruling power of Him, who is an omni-present God; whose eye is upon every created thing; who

regard the failing sparrow, and whose preserving care is extended unto all who seek Him and put their trust in Him. How fully has this been illustrated in former times, even in our own religious society in this and in other lands, when its members in seasons of great exposure and trial, rejecting all carnal weapons of defence, have found preservation and deliverance in unwavering trust in the living God. And shall we now doubt his superintending providence? Shall we call in question his promises, which in Christ Jesus are yea and amen forever? And while we may not be required in times of excitement like the present to press our views upon unwilling ears; while it may rather be our place to let our light shine by example, and if need be by suffering; while we may feel that in quietness and in prayer we may most effectually subserve the cause of our blessed Redeemer; let us be engaged to give full evidence by meekness and gentleness, by humility and purity, that we are actuated and controlled by a measure of that spirit which breathes peace on earth, good will toward men: and while we pray thy kingdom come, thy will be done, let us manifest in all our words and deeds, that we are engaged to hasten the coming of that day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ; and we believe the declaration of the evangelical prophet is to be fulfilled wherein he sets forth the change to be wrought under the Christian dispensation. "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea". "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders". Let us remember for our encouragement and comfort, the benediction pronounced by our Saviour: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

This meeting is also deeply concerned that Friends may be faithful in the continued maintenance of our ancient testimony against slavery; filled

as the system is, with violence and wrong to it's victims, whether seized in their native land, or born to a condition of lifelong bondage. God has made of one blood all the nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth. Christ died for all, and his commandment is obligatory on all, - "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them". In the observance of this sacred precept, and on religious ground, do we bear our unequivocal testimony against slavery; and crave for the coming of that day when every yoke shall be broken, every bond loosed, and the oppressed go free.

The following is a Summary of the Answers received, viz:

Summary

Answer 1st By the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that all our Meetings for worship have been duly held, except in nineteen instances, in small Meetings, mostly occasioned by sickness or inclemency of the weather. Meetings for discipline have all been attended, except a few instances in one Preparative Meeting, which is now discontinued. A neglect in many members, in the attendance of our meetings, is apparent, and that mostly in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. A few instances of sleeping are noticed in all the accounts; also a few instances of other unbecoming behaviour, in three, in which some care has been extended.

Ans. 2d Love and unity appear to be maintained, with few exceptions. Detraction mostly guarded against. Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared.

Ans. 3rd There is a good degree of care with most Friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness; to restrain them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to be good examples therein themselves. It appears the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families

Ans. 4th Friends appear to be careful in the several parts of this query, with four or five exceptions, in regard to the improper use of spirituous

liquors, and one account reports a few instances of attending places of public resort inconsistent with our religious profession.

Ans. 5th. Clear in the several particulars of this query, with a slight exception implied in one account, in regard to placing children out from among Friends.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful in these respects, yet exceptions are mentioned in most of the answers, in the greater part of which care has been taken.

Ans. 7th. Our testimony in these respects appears to be maintained, except several instances of a military nature, and two instances of contributing to the support of a paid ministry.

Ans. 8th. Friends appear to be careful in the requirements of this query, with four or five exceptions.

Ans. 9th. Care appears to have been taken as to records. A few removals without certificates. Some care taken.

Ans. 10th. Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in good measure, agreeable to this query, and judgment placed according to discipline.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning, the 19th, met pursuant to adjournment.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting are approved; and the Friends now under appointment are continued to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, and requested to act on our behalf on any subjects that may properly claim their attention, according to the constitution and appointment of that Meeting.

Members of Meeting for Sufferings

John Osborne, David Buffum, Peleg Peck, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Tabor, of Albion, Timothy G. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Allen, Stephen A. Chase, William Fau, William G. Tabor, Tobias Meader, Micajah G. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland Jr., Benajah Buffum, Alden Sampson,

William A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Bailey, Ebenezer Tripe, Henry W. Minott, Elisha Jones, of Windham, John Paige, Charles R. Tucker, Samuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Borrow, Newell Hoxie, David Kelley, Moses Huntington Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

The subject of the apportionment among the Quarterly Meetings of the respective quotas of stock, to be raised by them for the use of this Meeting, as proposed by the Meeting for Sufferings, claiming our attention, we appoint the following Friends to take it into consideration, and report to a future sitting, such percentage to each Quarter as, under the circumstances, they may believe to be just and equal, viz:-

William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, Josiah Chace, Edward L. Cove, Stephen A. Chase, John Paige, Henry T. Wood, Stephen Dillingham, Isaac R. Gifford, James Cartland, Josiah Winslow, Stephen Cartland, Edward Earle, David Babcock, Samuel H. Colton, Samuel Foster, Josiah Jones, Joseph Taber, Benajah Buffum, Cyrus Bangs, John Estes, Joseph Taylor, Reuben T. Jones and Winslow Hawkes.

A testimony of New Bedford Monthly Meeting, united with by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late Colored Friend Joseph Davis, was read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled at the appointed hour.

The committee, to settle the Treasurer's account, made the following report, which is accepted and approved; and we appoint our Friend David Buffum, our Treasurer for the ensuing year, to whom the Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their respective quotas of $1200. the sum to be raised for the use of this meeting, the current year viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee to settle the Treasurer's account, and for other purposes, report- they have attended

to their appointment, and find a balance due the Treasurer, of one thousand and nine 11/100 dollars ($1009 11/100).

They are united in proposing that twelve hundred dollars ($1200.) be raised for the use of the Meeting, and David Buffum for Treasurer.

Gideon E. Smith
For the Committee"

Newport 6th mo. 18th 1861.

Our brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in their Epistle to us, inform that the Quarterly Meetings in Iowa have requested to have a Yearly Meeting established among them, to which Indiana Yearly Meeting has given its assent, and proposed the year 1863 as the time for the opening of the new Yearly Meeting. This interesting and important proposition has received the full unity of this Meeting, and the clerk is directed to give this information to our Friend, in a postscript to our Epistle to them.

Our beloved Friend, Joel Bean, in the prosecution of his journey towards the Sandwich Islands, whither he goes on an errand of Gospel love, with the full unity of his Friends, informs us that he will not be able to attend another sitting of this Meeting. We desire for him, preservation in the service before him; and that he may know, from day to day, the Good Shepherd to be with him to direct and comfort him, and to qualify him to declare to those who now sit, in some measure in darkness, the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. The clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of the following minute, viz:-

"Our beloved Friend, Joel Bean, in the prosecution of his religious journey, has attended most of the sittings of this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

A Testimony of Providence Monthly Meeting, united with by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend, John Meader, was presented and read, and being approved, it is directed that it be recorded.

This Memorial has brought our dear friend very sweetly before us. We deeply feel the privation, at this time, of his presence at our meeting,- of his wise counsels and active services for the Church. His memory is precious

to us. The Clerk is requested to cause this Testimony, together with the one read this morning, concerning our late dear friend, Joseph Davis, to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and the same Friends as last year, with the addition of Samuel Gifford, Jabez Wood, John H. Grossman, David Jones, and Josiah Philbrook are continued a Committee on this important concern, and this Meeting desires to encourage and strengthen them, and especially in endeavoring to increase the number of First day schools; and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report:

That as in former years, circulars have been addressed to the correspondents in our several Monthly Meetings, asking for statistical information, which having been kindly furnished by all, the following summary has been compiled therefrom, viz:-

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of four and twenty one years	1291
Number of Monthly Meeting Schools	2
" " Preparative " "	1
" " Family Schools	6
" " Friends' children who have attended School the past year	1127
" " Friends' children who have attended School taught by Friends or under their control	292
" " Members of the Yearly meeting who have taught School the past year	121
" " Members who, in obtaining an Education at Academies and Colleges, are placed out from among Friends	10
" " First Day Schools taught under the care of Friends	36
Average continuance of these Schools about 6 months.	
" " Pupils attending the same	907
" " Friends' children attending the same	477
" " Bible Classes of Friends, besides First Day Scholars	14
" " Friends attending Bible Classes	147

The general subject of the guarded education of the youth of this Yearly Meeting, the promotion of which has been more especially delegated to this Committee, has claimed our serious attention, and its magnitude and importance have seemed to rise in our estimation in proportion to the advancement made which, however slow we think has been sure, of later years.

While the situation of many of our members in scattered locations has operated with other causes, to discourage them from an effort to form select schools for the education of their children, yet with this class, an evidently increasing interest is felt for the guarded training of their beloved offspring; and we are desirous that the advantages now offered by our Boarding School at Providence, should be enjoyed to their full extent by this most interesting portion of our Society.

We can still, with great confidence, recommend this institution to the patronage and support of Friends; and the benefits resulting to their children from the course of instruction here provided at so small a cost, we think will largely repay parents for the necessary sacrifice.

We are also favorably impressed by the accounts received of the successful operation of "Oak Grove Seminary" at Vassalboro'. Upon the subject of scriptural instruction, we can report an encouraging progress during the past year. Not only is an additional number of schools in operation, but in some of these simple, but highly useful auxiliaries, greater interest has been manifested. Parents and elder friends have been more frequently in attendance, and their presence, and in some instances hearty co-operation, have in no small degree contributed to the usefulness of the schools.

On behalf of the Committee

Newport 6th mo. 19th 1861. Signed Stephen Dillingham"

(Committee.— George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Charles H. Earle, Thomas S. Gifford, Abiel Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Coffins, Abel F. Coffins, Charles F. Coffin Jr., William Grace, Josiah D. Charles, Thomas Folson, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen Dillingham, Nevell Horsie, Nathan S. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Tolles,

George W. Francis, Marian Davis, John Macomber, Henry T. Wood, Matthew Barney, Rufus Horton, John W. Jones, Stephen Swett, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, Samuel H. Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Albert S. Tayson, William H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thomas B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, William Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, William A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Benjamin G. Shepherd, Samuel Gifford, Jabez Wood, John H. Grossman, Daniel Jones and Josiah Philbrook.

Elizabeth T. Chace, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas S. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Bryce, Anna A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Sage, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Hempton, Mary B. Reed, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Southwick, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Pick, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia S. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Mary C. Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth S. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Tirzha J. Shepherd.)

Adjourned to 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 20th – Friends again assembled. The Representatives present except one.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal from the decision of Falmouth Quarterly Meeting presented a communication at this time, evidencing attention to this case; and this meeting being

introduced into a feeling of deep concern for the removal of everything tending to disturb the harmony of that Quarterly Meeting, we appoint the following Friends to visit Meetings or individuals, and to labor, in the ability which may be mercifully conferred, in the Spirit of meekness and wisdom, for the restoration of love and unity, and for the support of the cause of Truth and right order in the church, - to report to this meeting next year, viz:- Samuel Boyd Tobey, Gilbert Congdon, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, Isaac R. Gifford, John D. Lang, Edward Harris, John Page and Charles R. Tucker.

The committee on the concern of this meeting for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, make the following report, which is interesting and satisfactory to us; and we continue the same Friends as last year under appointment, who are requested to give such attention to the object of our concern as they may be enabled to do, and report to this meeting next year, viz:-

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee on the concern of the Yearly Meeting for the improvement of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians, having given some attention to the object of our appointment report:- That from the most reliable information within our reach, the former tribe has, for several years past, rather increased in population, numbering, at this time, about 325. About one hundred are more or less engaged in farming. They raise corn, wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, beans, peas and the common vegetables. One of our number having visited them during the past year, it was observed that an increased interest in agriculture was apparent among them; a greater extent of their lands had been seeded with grass, and consequently, a larger supply of hay will be the result. Their stock of cattle being small, their hay is mostly sold to their white neighbors.

We find by the report of their agent, that the amount of their County crop was six hundred and ninety seven dollars and five cents, - exceeding that of the previous year by about $150.

This provision offered as an incentive to either husbandry, which, with many of the Indians it was the prime object of their engaging in agriculture has produced

in time, good effects, in exciting a love of the occupation, and furnishing those productions so necessary to domestic comfort.

The legislature of Maine appropriated, the last year, $350. in aid of schools amongst this tribe. The one on the island near Old Town has been visited. The recitations were good, and the deportment of the children satisfactory. The whole number in attendance, 54; average attendance 24¾. The length of this school, the past year, has been 20 weeks. Another school, at Lincoln, is spoken of by the agent as being quite equal to that near Old Town, but of which we have no statistics to offer.

It is worthy of remark, that their women are assimilating to the whites in the manner of conducting their household affairs. They are industrious, and derive a profit by the manufacture of moccasins, beadwork, baskets, &c.

The agent of the Passamaquoddy tribe in his report to the Governor and Council of Maine, says, "I think the entire tribe are becoming more and more interested in farming." He also speaks favorably of their general improvement. They have had among them two schools. The one at Peter Dennis' Point has averaged in its attendance, from 20 to 25 pupils. The one at Pleasant Point averaged 35, and continued 10 weeks.

On behalf of the Committee,

Eli Jones

James Van Blarcom

Stephen Jones "

Committee.— John D. Lang, Stephen Jones, Joseph Faber, Nathan Douglass, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Samuel Taylor, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Henry T. Hedland James Van Blarcom.

The Committee to attend to the distribution of a reprint of the London General Epistle, report that the service has been attended to, and the Representatives are requested to convey them to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and see that they are placed in the families of Friends.

The Committee on the subject of a new apportionment of stock among the Quarterly Meetings, made the following report, which is satisfactory to this meeting and is adopted.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of a new apportionment of the expenses of the Yearly Meeting among the Quarterly meetings, propose—

That Rhode Island pay 24 per cent.

"	Salem	"	20 " "
"	Sandwich	"	24 " "
"	Falmouth	"	5 " "
"	Smithfield	"	7 " "
"	Vassalboro'	"	7 " "
"	Dover	"	5 " "
"	Fairfield	"	8 " "

On behalf of the Committee

Newport, 6th mo. 20th 1861. Wm A. Robinson "

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf, the following minute, for our friend John Hodgkin:

"In returned Epistles from the Yearly Meeting, the Quarterly Meetings of Indiana, Genesee and parts of Ohio, Western New York and Canada, and the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London.

Dear Friends

Our beloved friend John Hodgkin has attended this Yearly Meeting and given us satisfactory Certificates for your several meetings.

We believe it right to inform you that he has visited many acceptably with us. The clear evidence we have had of his abiding care closely to follow the leadings of his Divine Master for the Lord's instruction and his services in the Gospel have been sound and edifying. We are closely united to him as to a brother beloved and earnestly crave that the good Shepherd who has sent him forth may still go before him to guide, protect and comfort him, and that when the service required of him in this land shall have been accomplished he may, if this be the will of our Heavenly Father, be restored to his dear family and to you in the enjoyment of that peace which is the gift of Christ.

The Clerk is directed to sign, on our behalf, the following minute for our friend, David Tatum, and similar minutes for our friends, Sarah Ann Linton, Esther C. Weeks and Phebe Ann Weeden, viz:-

"Our beloved friend David Tatum attended this meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute for our friend Robert W. Hodson, and similar ones for our friends Stephen Wood and Rhoda G. Hadley, viz:-

"Our beloved friend Robert W. Hodson, attended this meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

The Committee on the Correspondence, presented essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western; which being approved, the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those meetings respectively.

The Clerk is directed to cause to be printed, for distribution among the families of Friends, three thousand copies of the minutes of this Meeting; and he is also requested to have printed on a separate sheet, two thousand copies of the Minute on War and Slavery, for more general circulation.

Having attended to the various matters pertaining to the welfare and right order of the church, which have come before us, in harmony and love, under solemn feelings of a renewed sense of the uncertainty of the future, and that we know not how many of us now part to meet no more on earth; with thankfulness for the mercies that have been now vouchsafed to us, we conclude, proposing to meet again in this place at the usual time next year, if our Heavenly Father so permit.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

Epistles.

from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 16th to the 20th inclusive of the sixth month, 1861, to the Yearly Meetings of Friends:

To the Yearly Meeting of London.

Dear friends,

Favored again to assemble for the public worship of our Heavenly Father, and for the transaction of the affairs of a portion of the universal church, of which Christ Jesus is the everliving Head - we have thankfully to acknowledge the continued favor of His presence among us, in accordance with His blessed promise.

By this manifestation of His love the hearts of not a few among us, have in the Spirit of supplication been contrited and brought very low before Him, humbly craving the blessing of preservation in His fear.

Your truly acceptable epistle of last year, has been read among us, and that of the present year is also received and read. They have been comforting to us, and we accept them as a fresh proof of the cementing influence of the gospel of Christ and of the fellowship of His disciples, wherever situated. We count among our many blessings, that a measure of harmony and brotherly love is preserved in our Society, and greatly desire that under the reconciling influence of the gospel they may increase and abound among us.

How many and various are the favors bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father, both temporal and spiritual. He is indeed a long suffering and merciful Creator, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved.

Our blessed Savior hath declared "I am the way, and the truth and the life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me". We have greatly cause that we may individually estimate the efficacy of this great provision for the salvation of our fallen race. That by true conversion of soul

we may come livingly to know Him to be made unto us, wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. That as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.— 1 Cor. I. 30. 31.—

Amid the varied trials, dangers and conflicts incident to this present life, the only place of safety is in the munition of rocks. The name of the Lord is a strong tower, whereunto the righteous may run and be safe. When the rains descend and the winds blow, it is only that house that is builded upon the rock Christ Jesus, that can stand. But how safe is he who has digged deep and laid his foundation there. His house, who abides therein, shall stand,— for such is His gracious promise,— amid all the storms and commotions of life.

In our beloved country, it is a time of peculiar and sore trial. After a long continued season of peace, there has suddenly broken upon us, the din and turmoil of civil strife. One portion of our hitherto quiet land is arrayed in hostility against our government. The sound of war is heard, and armies are assembling to do battle with each other. When we remember, that every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood, our souls are saddened within us; and we are driven solemnly to inquire, how it behooves us to demean ourselves, as true subjects of the powers ordained of God over us, and as professed partakers of the blessed salvation.

Are we ordained from the world, its spirit and its maxims? Are we indeed soldiers of the cross, enlisted under the banner of the Prince of Peace?

Then we can take no part in this war and contention. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. Such we cannot wield. But mightily, the weapons of the christian are mighty through God to the pulling down of the strong holds of sin and Satan.

We have earnestly craved, that Friends may, indeed, in this our country's extremity and peril,

be mercifully preserved from harm. That while earnestly and boldly upholding the standard of liberty, both civil and religious, always dear to Friends, and steadily maintained by them, we may give to the text, this pure and more thorough, and unwearingly seeking to be grounded there, we may show forth by word and by deed, the meekness and gentleness of the Lamb.

Faith, true faith is described by the apostle as a shield, capable of quenching the fiery darts of the wicked. Shall we not take it? Is it not freely offered as the gift of God? It is the exhortation of the same Apostle, that we should so do, "above all".

For our young men we feel much, very much, and our prayers ascend that they may witness preservation. That by their consistent walking in the fear of the Lord, they may evince, that their dependence for safety is on Him alone. We desire that they may remember the gracious words of their Savior, addressing his humble disciples - "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father which gave them me is greater than all and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Abiding here, there is absolute safety, sure protection. May we all seek it, and pray that we may have our minds stayed upon God, who will keep us in perfect peace, as we diligently and faithfully trust in Him.

This is the ark which will raise us above the floods of adversity, of trial, of temptation, of despair; and we shall come to exclaim through grace "Christ Jesus is our all sufficient Savior, our advocate with the Father, our friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

"Ye are my friends" said he "if ye do whatsoever I command you". How necessary then is obedience.

To gain information of His will we must diligently attend. If we would know of the doctrine, of increase in the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent - a knowledge which is declared

N. to Liverpool.

If we are favored to feel, that our sins are blotted out by virtue of His atoning blood, and have witnessed, through His grace, that change of heart, which alone can fit us for the enjoyment of His favor, with what alacrity and perseverance, ought we to pursue on to know the Lord, growing in grace, increasing in stature, even to the perfect man in Christ Jesus.

Let us then, dear friends, pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks.

Our meeting at this present time, although much cause for mourning exists, has, we humbly trust, been owned by our glorified Head, and we have been a little comforted together, in the evidence graciously afforded, that He is mindful of us, and ready to hear our prayers and graciously to answer them.

The appearance of truth claiming our attention has been encreated in harmony, and we are about to separate with thankful hearts, and in good fellowship one with another.

To God be all the praise.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Abbey - Clerk

P. S. - We have been favored at this time with the truly acceptable company and gospel labors of our beloved friend John Hodgkin, from your Yearly Meeting.

To Ireland

Dear Friends,

Your acceptable epistle of the 5th month last, was duly received, together with similar communications from other Yearly Meetings, which have been read to our comfort and encouragement; and in a measure of the love of the gospel, we

again salute you as brethren of the same faith, desiring that "grace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord".

Our meeting has been well attended, and we have through the several sittings been mercifully favored with the overshadowings of Divine love, cementing our hearts together, and enabling us through this medium to persevere in the service of the Christian warfare.

"Without me, ye can do nothing", was the declaration of our blessed Savior, and we see at this time how needful it is to feel the need of Divine aid, in order to witness strength and qualification to labor for the promotion of His blessed cause. The true believer who is earnestly engaged for the promotion of the cause of Truth and Righteousness in the earth, will always pray for his christian cause, in order to prepare him for his master's service and to fit him for an inheritance beyond the grave. "I am crucified with Christ" said the Apostle, "nevertheless I live yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me".

This we believe must be the experience of all the children of God in order that they may receive the adoption of sons, and be brought into that condition which they can cry, Abba Father. Let us then be encouraged to lay hold of the blessed promises of the gospel, and in the obedience of faith, in prayerfulness of heart, seek for ability to labor diligently in the Lord's vineyard. And although trials and discouragements at times abound and the heart be almost ready to faint, may we be stimulated to perseverance by the promise made by our blessed Lord to his disciples - "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

We have on this occasion been brought into mourning on account of the removal by death of some, who have long stood as pillars in the church, who having run their days work out, are, as we humbly trust, now gathered into everlasting rest. But we are encouraged in the evidence afforded, that there are those among our beloved youth, who are under the preparing hand of the Lord,

becoming fitted for usefulness in Her church. We would encourage such as these wherever situated to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ and submit unreservedly to the operations of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts.

As it becomes their engagement, we believe that instead of the fathers there will be the sons, rightly qualified to support those doctrines and testimonies which we feel ourselves called upon to maintain before the world; and may these become instruments in the Lord's hand in hastening the coming of that day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

The expression of sympathy with us in your epistle and in the minute of your meeting, on account of the civil war now existing in our land, is very cordial to our feelings. Most deeply do we deplore the political troubles in our beloved country - and while we feel it our place to maintain our allegiance to the government under which we live; while we sympathize with our rulers in the trials into which they are brought, we feel the need of watchfulness and prayer that we may be preserved from compromising in any way our peaceable principles, and we have issued a minute of advice upon this subject and in relation to slavery.

Our boarding school committee has made an interesting report by which it appears that the institution continues to answer in good measure the purpose for which it was established, affording an opportunity for our beloved youth to obtain an education fit in good measure from the contaminating influences of improper associations.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends. Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To New York

Dear friends,

Your epistle of the 5th month last, together with similar testimonials of brotherly regard from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has been received; and the reading of these evidences of the unity and fellowship of our brethren has been comforting and encouraging to us.

We fully unite with you in your expression of sympathy for those who are now exposed to the ravages of war and we have greatly desired that we, with our dear friends everywhere might endeavor to guard against taking an undue interest in the present unnatural conflict - that we might be enabled to commit ourselves unreservedly into the hands of the allwise Preserver of men, who is alone able to deliver and of whom it is said "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee". "Trust ye in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength".

"Let the potsherds strive with the potsherds of the earth, but may our faith be so fixed on Him who is mighty to save and deliver that we may humbly and trustingly rely on His arm to help us in every time of need. Craving of Him that wisdom which is profitable to direct and that His grace and good spirit may be with us, enabling us so to walk before men that the testimony we have been called to bear against all wars and fightings may not suffer loss by our means.

Those who are engaged in this fratricidal strife are greatly to be pitied and may we under a sense of the universality of the love of our blessed Redeemer whose blood was shed on Calvary for all men everywhere, be concerned to put up our aspirations to the Supreme Ruler of the universe that He would be pleased so to touch the hearts of those who are now engaged in arms against each other as to give them an understanding of the peaceable nature of the Kingdom of His dear Son our holy Redeemer and make them to see that the wrongs they may have received from a brother cannot be redressed by dipping their hands in a brother's blood.

May we all come to live so near to our blessed head

and so to move under its guidance and direction that we may be quiet of apprehension in the fear of the Lord and be favored to go in and out before our fellow professors, in a way to bring honor to Him to whom all honor is due, that they may have cause to glorify Him and His peaceable Kingdom on our account.

And may our efforts be continually renewed to instil into the minds of our dear children the utter incompatibility of all bitter strife and contentions with that love which the dear Savior enjoined upon His followers, while on earth, and which was reiterated by the beloved disciple in his touching exhortation. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God".

Our Yearly Meeting, although not large, has been an interesting one, and we have been favored with the acceptable company of divers friends from other Yearly Meetings whose labors of love in the gospel have been refreshing and edifying to us; and we have we humbly trust been mercifully favored to feel that we have been in a good degree owned by the great Head of the Church, and have been made to partake together at His bounteous table.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Baltimore

Dear friends

It is, we trust, under a renewed sense of the tender mercy of our Father in Heaven, that we now address you, acknowledging the receipt of your acceptable epistle of last year.

In this day of turmoil, of strife and of darkness we have been permitted a place of safety and of peace to meet together and, in grateful commemoration of his goodness to draw near in spirit, to present ourselves before the Lord!

We have been made afresh to feel the precious sense of that bond of brotherhood and sympathy which, more especially in times of trial, unites the living members of the Church into one body, of which Christ is the adorable head, and to realize that, under the influence of this gospel fellowship, ability is at times afforded to commend beloved brethren in suffering, with our own souls to the care and keeping of our common Father, without whose notice not even the sparrow falleth to the ground.

To many of you, dear friends, we believe the present is a season of deep proving. In view of the awful ravages of the civil war in which our beloved country is now involved, and which has been permitted to invade your borders, may you and we dwell in deep humility before the Lord. It may not be for us to know all his principal designs in suffering this painful scourge, but for you we pray that your dwelling place may be the munition of Rocks, and your refuge the shadow of His wings until these calamities be overpast. "The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth", His Hand is at work among the nations, and well will it be for us if, recognizing and acknowledging in childlike simplicity his almighty power, we endeavor, both in the general and in our own particular, to be conformed to His will and, in that godly fear in which is strong confidence to find for ourselves the place of refuge which is promised to His trusting children.

The importance of maintaining the testimony which we as a religious society have ever borne to the peaceable nature of the religion of Christ, and against all war, based this time been earnestly pressed upon us, and with affectionate solicitude that all our members may be preserved in safety upon this foundation during the present excitement of the day, a minute of tender counsel and warning has been issued by this meeting for general circulation within our borders.

We have been favored at this time to transact the affairs of the Church which have come before us in much harmony and brotherly love, and though sensible of many deficiences, the confirming evidence has at times been afforded us that the blessed Head of the

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Church was condescending to preside over our assembly, under which we have been a little animated and strengthened to press forward in the heavenly race.

And now dear friends, we again affectionately commend you to the protection of the King of Israel. You have our near Christian sympathy and our earnest prayers. Quit you like men, be strong. Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, may you be enabled in the meekness of the Lamb to stand fast in the faith of the Gospel. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and we pray God, your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Hokey - Clerk

To North Carolina

Dear Friends

Being again permitted to assemble in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, we have thankfully to acknowledge the continued mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, in affording us, though unworthy, fresh tokens for good.

Our meeting has been well attended and the important subjects which have claimed our consideration have been disposed of in harmony.

Your epistle of 11th month last with similar tokens of love and christian interest, have been received from each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; by the reading of which our brethren in their different locations, have been brought near accompanied with the feeling that one is our Master, even Christ and all we are brethren.

Faithful and true is He who hath called us. That which He hath begun in our hearts, He will

for for it His promise as we yield ourselves to His disposal and resist not the operation of His Holy Spirit in its work of purification, by which we are justified freely through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, - are sanctified and made meet for an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away.

In every age of the world the people of God have been objects of His peculiar regard. When Israel groaned beneath the accumulating burdens of their Egyptian taskmasters, He heard their cry and came down and delivered them. During their sojourn in the wilderness the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night was with them. The "streams out of the rock" quenched their thirst and bread from Heaven was not withheld.

Many and precious promises are recorded upon the sacred page for the encouragement of all who trust in Israel's God. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee by the right hand of my righteousness." "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

In your varied trials and deep afflictions, we are afflicted and tenderly sympathize with you, our beloved brethren in the Lord. We would extend to you the word of encouragement and of hope. The Lord's name is a strong tower, into which the righteous run and are safe. "We will rejoice in thy salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

When the ship which bore the disciples of Jesus was "in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves", "they were troubled but not forsaken for "He went unto them walking on the sea" and consoled them with words of comfort saying "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid".

Jesus ever lives to make intercession for His people. Will He not bring them safely through every trial however severe and cause all things to work together for good to them that love God?

"Finally brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you". The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen. With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk

To Ohio

Dear friends

We salute you in love, and in the bonds and fellowship of the gospel as brethren in the one faith and of the one hope.

We have to acknowledge the continued mercy of our Holy Head in that, unworthy as we are, and as we feel ourselves to be, He has condescended to be in our midst and to manifest Himself by the breaking of a little bread.

Christ, our Savior, hath declared "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst". These are gracious words. We greatly crave that we all may realize their blessed import and livingly experience a partaking of this soul sustaining, soul-nourishing and heavenly food.

Do we truly desire to be thus spiritually fed, - to know the wants of the soul supplied through Christ? Let us come unto Him in faith; let us pray that the blessing pronounced by Him upon those who hunger and thirst after righteousness may be ours. Blessed are they, said He, who thus hunger, for they shall be filled.

This sense of need, this longing for the bread of life, is an earnest of the operation of the Holy Spirit leading to conversion - to that change of heart and of the affections which we, as fallen creatures, all require - which we must individually experience if we become the children of God - heirs

of the promise - and of those who inherit eternal life.

Our meeting has at this time as we humbly hope and believe, been a favored season, wherein the unsearchable riches of Christ have been largely preached, His great love towards His workmanship proclaimed and the invitation been afresh extended "Come unto me", Come taste and see that the Lord is good."

May we all close in with the offers of mercy thus extended that through the obedience of faith, we may witness redemption, the washing away of all our sins in the precious blood of Christ. He is our only hope, our only refuge. In Him we have the assurance as we patiently abide the turning of His hand upon us, that we shall be prepared through sanctification to glorify him here below and enjoy Him in that world which lies beyond the grave.

The day in which we live, the commotions which are abroad, the agitated and distressed state of our afflicted country, all call loudly upon us to seek an abiding place, upon a foundation which cannot be shaken.

None other foundation can any man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Built up upon this rock, the trials and troubles of this life will not move us. We shall live a life above them. We shall be strengthened with holy zeal and magnanimity, to manifest to the world that our allegiance is true to Him, that our only hope is in Him, and we shall bring forth the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.

We have received your epistles for the years 1859 and 1860, both of which have been read to our edification and comfort

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Abbey - Clerk

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To Indiana

Dear friends

Through the mercy and goodness of our Heavenly Father we have again been permitted to assemble. We have come up to this our annual gathering under many discouragements, but humbly trust that we are not forsaken by Him who is Head over all things to His church, blessed forever. And we believe He is still graciously disposed to sustain with the right arm of His power all those who put their trust in Him. We have received at this time acceptable epistles from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, and from all those on this continent with which we correspond including yours of 10th month last.

The reading of these brotherly and truly interesting messages of love, has animated us and increased our faith in christian fellowship and we believe that the Father of all has at this time condescended in His matchless love and mercy, to cause many of our hearts to acknowledge his continued goodness towards us, which calls for Thanksgiving and praise.

Our weakness and shortcomings were made apparent upon reading the answers to the queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, on which occasion concerned friends were brought under a deep exercise of mind, and much tender counsel and advice was handed forth.

The subject of a religious and guarded education for our youth continues to claim our attention with unabated interest. The report of the committee having charge of our Boarding School shows that Institution to be in a satisfactory condition, and evidence is afforded that the School has been blessed to no small portion of the children of our Yearly Meeting, who have been privileged to enjoy its advantages.

Our hearts have been deeply pained in contemplating the unhappy state into which our beloved country has been plunged by the civil war that is now raging in our land, and

fervent have been our prayers to our Heavenly Father, beseeching Him that He would condescend to regard us in our low estate — that He would not cast us off, nor give His heritage to reproach; but in His chastisements remember mercy, and influence the hearts of our Rulers to rely in His wisdom to direct their steps.

Our dear friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, have been brought very near to us at this time. We deeply sympathize with them in their afflictions. May they be kept by Israel's Shepherd from the spoiler from without, and from the enemy within.

Our meeting has been well attended, but we miss from their accustomed seats and have to mourn the loss of many of our Fathers who have borne the burden in the heat of the day. We are deprived of their counsel and advice — they have gone to their rest, and we trust have become pillars in the Lord's house, to go no more out forever.

This has been a season in which we have been refreshed together. The solid and commendable deportment of many of our younger members, has given encouraging evidence that their hearts have been touched, and we believe they have renewed their covenants, and acknowledged allegiance to Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Finally, brethren, farewell. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

William C. Boyd Abbey Clerk

P.S. The proposition contained in your Epistle for the establishment of a Yearly Meeting in Iowa, was weightily considered in this meeting and fully united with.

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To Western

Dear friends

Being again assembled in our annual meeting, we would offer you the fresh salutation of brotherly love. We have to acknowledge that, as unworthy as we are, our Heavenly Father hath not forgotten to be very gracious unto us.

Your acceptable epistle of 9th month last, with similar testimonials of love from brethren elsewhere have been received and read to the comfort and encouragement of our hearts and we are confirmed in the conviction that this brotherly intercourse tends to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship, bringing us nearer together in spirit, causing us afresh to feel that we are one people and engaged for the promotion of the same blessed cause.

We notice with satisfaction the acknowledgement of the evident preparation of your beloved young people for usefulness in the church and we are at this time comforted with the company and deportment of a goodly number of this interesting class, and while we deeply feel the loss of several faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, we thankfully believe there are some among our dear youth, who are bowing their necks to the yoke of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and learning in His school.

The State of Society as brought up in the answers to our queries, shews that we still need to be watchful to endeavor to strengthen the things which remain, waiting at wisdom's gate for that ability which enables us to put up our supplications unto our Father in Heaven, who heareth and answereth prayer.

The coming of dear, devoted servants among us at this time hath gladdened our hearts. We esteem true, living gospel ministry as one of the great blessings conferred upon the church. Our prayer is that this favor may be long continued, and that He who goeth forth and goeth before His disciples, may cause them to feel, every day, their entire dependence upon Him, without —

whose aid they can do nothing.

The state of our children continues to claim our earnest attention.

We have been brought at this time into deep exercise with our dear friends who live in that part of the land where civil war is subjecting them to sore trials, and while greatly deploring this painful condition of affairs, we still trust that as the principle and precepts of the gospel remain unchanged that He who cared for the sparrow will be pleased to keep and preserve us all on the ancient foundation, and that all may know of true repentance towards God and such faith in our Savior Jesus Christ, that even the spirit of war and all enmity may be eradicated from our hearts and we become more fully than ever the true followers of the Prince of Peace.

Our obligations to become such have ever been the same; we have no new doctrines, neither have we new ground to occupy. Dear brethren may you as well as ourselves stand fast.

Having in love been enabled to transact the affairs of the church from sitting to sitting, under this precious covering we again salute you as brethren beloved and bid you farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey - Clerk